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SPORTING.

Lawn Tennis.

Last evening at the Hongkong Cricket Club's ground there was an exciting and undecided tussle between Capt Beasley and Capt Brierly to decide who should have the honour of facing H. Hancock in the final of the championship singles. The best of five sets was to settle the matter but when two sets all and three games all had been reached and the light was rapidly failing, it was decided to adjourn play. In actual games Capt Beasley held a slight advantage, his 22 comparing with his opponent's 21. The contest throughout was remarkable for the well-sustained rallies, while the play was always bright and varied, so much so that the balls must have found their way on to almost every square inch of turf on either side of the net.

The opening set was the most even of any, ending as it did at 7/5 in Beasley's advantage. A strange feature was that six games had been reached before the server could register a win, Beasley being he first to break the sequence by making the score 4/3 on his fourth service. Brierly immediately followed suit, only allowing his rival to put on one point in the subsequent game. A love game once more gave the lead to Beasley, and in the next there was a remarkably fine rally, the verdict ultimately going to Brierly after three deuces. By skilful placing the two following games went in Beasley's favour and with them the set. Up to now most of the aggressive work had been done by the leader, who could also claim an advantage in the art of placing, but against this were to be set the many brilliant returns of the other man and his presence of mind when under difficulties. He was nerveless personified.

Both men lost their service without registering a single point in the opening games of the second set. At the fourth game also they were on a level footing, but from thenceforward Brierly ran his man off his feet. By superior placing and strong base-line play he took the set in his hands and ended up with the score 6/2.

Having drawn level in sets, Brierly continued to play with confidence, while his opponent was responsible for many errors of judgment, often finding the net or putting outside. The first two games were easily won by Brierly, and then Beasley rallied and drew level. Then he secured the lead, but the two following games went in Brierly's favour, the score thus being 5/3. The next was obtained by Beasley, who, however, went no further, his opponent winning the set by 6/4.

Playing with greater care, Beasley soon got away in the third set, winning no less than four games in succession. Only losing one point, Brierly got the next game, but he was quite outplayed in subsequent games, the set finishing in Beasley's favour by 6/1.

"Sets all" was called, and both players went to work with renewed energy. They had now been playing for about an hour and three-quarters, and both showed signs of the strain, Brierly seeming to possess a little advantage in staying powers. The first was a cleverly won love game by Brierly, and then after "love 40" had been called against him Beasley won the next. This circumstance was repeated in the following game, Brierly winning also after being three points down. The score was made "two all" by Beasley, but the other man again showed the way in the subsequent trial. With 15-40 against him Brierly made a big effort to win the next game, but after deuce had been twice called he succumbed to superior placing. The games were now three all, and it was decided to stop play for the day. Some fine tennis was seen all through the contest, and, whoever the winner will turn out to be, it is certain that he will give Hancock all his work to secure victory in the final.

Other results in connection with the tournament were:—

Singles Handicap, "A" Class—Third round: D. F. Clark (owes 3/6) beat Hon. J. M. Atkinson (owes 1/6) 6/4, 6/0.

Singles Handicap, "B" Class—Third round: W. G. Worcester (owes 30) beat L. Le Breton (owes 30) 3/6, 6/3, 6/3.

Doubles Handicap, "A" Class—Third round: Lieut. Byrne and Lieut. Whyte (owes 30/2) beat J. R. Wood and R. E. O. Bird (scratch) 6/2, 6/1.

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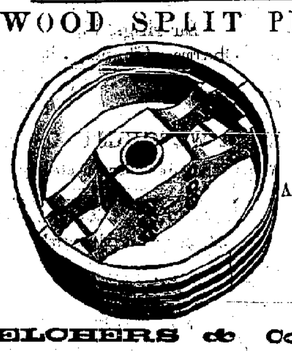
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Hongkong, April 10, 1909. 502

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NOTICE.

THE HALF-YEARLY MEETING of the above Club will be held on SATURDAY the 17th April, 1909 at 12.30 P.M. at the Office of the Jockey Club on the Ground floor of the Hongkong Club Annexe, Chater Road.
By Order,
C. F. HOUGH,
Clerk of the Course.
Hongkong, April 8, 1909. 474

MACAO.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

MACAO, 12 April, 1909.

The prevailing dearth of news emphasises the all round depression that has overhung the Colony for some time back. The spirit-damping pressure seems to have affected even the pious ardour of the good people of the Holy City as the attendance at the Cathedral during the services of Passion Week was unusually sparse, while in the conduct of the sacred rites there was a noted falling off in the pomp and solemnity attendant on these annual functions in bygone years. However, the visiting of the Churches on Maundy Thursday was kept up in the time-honoured style, and throughout the day till late in the evening, the streets wore an active look as an unceasing current of devotees crossed from one end of the city to the other, dropping in on their way at the several Churches where the Blessed Sacrament was in exposition on a specially laid out altar where myriads of tapers blazed among rich draperies and a profusion of flowers.

On Good Friday at 4 p.m. the Death procession issued from the Cathedral at the close of a sermon by the Rev. Father Sarmento, secretary to His Lordship the Bishop of Macao. An Effigy of the Divine Martyr stretched on a bier was borne on the shoulders by ten black robed members of the Confraternity of the Cross. A long file of little boys in white surplices walked on either side and behind, while the leading clerical dignitaries followed in the rear with lighted tapers. The regimental brass discoursed as the funereal train made a short round of the neighbouring streets while a guard of honour, 100 strong, marched at the tail-end of the cortege. In the evening at 9 p.m. the Rev. Father Costa Nunes spoke at length, to a packed congregation, in his wonted eloquent, stirring style on the sufferings and death of the Saviour.

Easter Morn was ushered in by joyful peals of the chimes and stirring discharges from the Monte Fort during the procession of the Resurrection, which was the first sacred function of the day. At 9 a.m. a solemn High Mass was celebrated by the Very Rev. Dean Barthole at which His Lordship the Bishop of Macao officiated pontifically, assisted by the Clergy. The St. Joseph's choir rendered the Responses in Gregorian chant while amateur strings relieved the intervals. At the close of the service His Lordship the Bishop solemnly bestowed on the faithful the Papal Benediction, which was greeted by a salute of 17 guns from the Monte Fort. His Excellency the Governor, Sr. Roca, as was present with all his family and the assiduity of his attendance at the services all throughout the week was particularly edifying.

The interdiction against the importation of boiled opium into the U.S. of America has thrown our opium farmer between the devil and the deep blue sea and threatens our Exchequer with a neat little gap of $334,000 per annum. The contract with the opium syndicate has a term of 4 years and 12 weeks yet to run and with the blocking of the one remaining outlet for the bulk of the opium export from Macao, both the Government and the Concessionaires are landed in a pretty dilemma. The recision of the agreement will entail on the opium farmer the forfeiture of his security bond of $111,000, and I learn of a proposition having been tendered to the Government for the continuance of the existing contract at a reduced annual contribution of $80,000 for the balance of the term, to wit, till 30th June, 1913. Strange to say, the authorities appear nowise agreeable to the proposed step, but rather inclined to the immediate discharge of the forfeit.

Meanwhile, the Colony is gasping in the throes of a financial strain and our coffers are depleted.

An effort is being made to revive the lotteries of the Santa Casa, the Vaoseng and the Chim Pu Pio. The aggregate yearly revenue which the three concerns yielded exceeded $100,000.

The ordinance re the free import and export of petroleum has been gazetted and the article is only taxed with 30 cents per box when destined for local consumption. However, by some unfathomable quizzical turn the market value has now increased ten cents.

The erection of the new gaol in the vicinity of the San Miguel Cemetery, which was to be taken in hand at an early date and coming on, so to say, by way of inaugurating the construction of the big works in the vast improvement scheme, is now perforce deferred *sine die* as the public tenders for the contract of the undertaking have resulted in a fiasco. A glance at the nature of the terms imposed coupled with divers shortcomings which would-be contractors have to hope with, will account for the charitees of the latter in bidding for the job. These good folks take exception to the deposit of $1145, required of the party to whom the undertaking is to be entrusted. In view of the heavy outlay demanded by the initial works and the lapse of time before the first instalment is paid on such portions of the building as are being completed, this exception looks as good as a settled fact. Then the time-limit of 12 months allowed for the completion of the edifice is the next sway to be removed a term, for, owing to the peculiar conditions of the soil the excavations and other preliminary constructions will take at least one year. [illegible]

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-SIXTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at its Head Office No. 2, Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 21st April, 1909, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1908, and of declaring Dividends, etc.
The TRANFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from the 11th April to the 21st April, both days inclusive.
By Order of the Board,
C. MONTAGUE EDE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, March 24, 1909. 422

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Society will be held at its Head Office, No. 2, Queen's Buildings, Victoria, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 21st April, 1909, at 12.15 P.M., for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following Special Resolution:—
'That the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Society be respectively extended, altered and amended so as to read as shown in the print signed for the purpose of identification by the Chairman of this Meeting and that such extended, altered and amended Memorandum and Articles of Association be henceforth adopted as the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Society to the exclusion of those heretofore prevailing.'
Should the above Special Resolution be duly passed, it will be subsequently submitted for confirmation to a further Extraordinary General Meeting, of which Notice will be hereafter given.
Prints of the proposed Memorandum and Articles of Association can be seen at the Society's Offices or obtained on application there.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
C. MONTAGUE EDE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, March 30, 1909. 447

THE CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTY-THIRD ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the HEAD OFFICE, No. 2, Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 21st April 1909, at 12.30 P.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1908, and of declaring Dividends.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 7th April to 21st April, both days inclusive.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
C. MONTAGUE EDE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, March 26, 1909. 434

THE CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at its Head Office, No. 2, Queen's Buildings, Victoria, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 21st April, 1909, at 12.45 P.M., for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following Special Resolution:—
'That the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company be respectively extended, altered and amended so as to read as shown in the print signed for the purpose of identification by the Chairman of this Meeting and that such extended, altered and amended Memorandum and Articles of Association be henceforth adopted as the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company to the exclusion of those heretofore prevailing.'
Should the above Special Resolution be duly passed, it will be subsequently submitted for confirmation to a further extraordinary General Meeting, of which Notice will be hereafter given.
Prints of the proposed Memorandum and Articles of Association can be seen at the Company's Offices or obtained on application there.
By Order of the Board of Directors.
C. MONTAGUE EDE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, March 30, 1909. 448

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTIETH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, St. George's Building, on SATURDAY, the 24th APRIL, 1909, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 28th February, 1909, and electing Directors and Auditors.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 10th to the 24th April, 1909, both days inclusive.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, April 7, 1909. 489

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the EIGHTEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED, will be held at the Bank premises, No. 6, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 1st day of May, at Noon, for the purposes following, namely:—
To receive and consider Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet to 31st December, 1908, the Reports of the Directors and Auditors thereon, to elect Auditors and conduct the other Ordinary business of the Company.
The TRANSFER BOOKS and REGISTER OF MEMBERS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 16th day of April to the 1st day of May, 1909, both days inclusive.
By Order of the Board,
F. C. CAMPBELL,
Secretary.
Hongkong, April 14, 1909. 511

To Let

TO LET.

UP-to-date Houses in HUMPHREY'S AVENUE, Kowloon, with Gardens at entrance.
Apply to TAM TSZ KONG,
42, Bonham Strand West, Hongkong;
or HUNG CHONG,
60, Elgin Road, Kowloon.
Hongkong, February 6, 1909. 173

TO LET.

'GLENSHIEL,' BARKER ROAD, PEAK, Furnished, for five months or longer.
Apply 'OWNER,'
Care of 'CHINA MAIL' Office,
Hongkong, April 1, 1909. 455

TO LET.

GODOWNS Nos. 95, 96 & 97, PRAYA EAST.
Apply to
CHATER & MODY.
Hongkong, October 17, 1908. 1422

TO LET.

THE ROOM next to the PUBLIC BAR, facing Des Vœux Road.
Apply to the SECRETARY of the HONGKONG HOTEL CO., LTD.
Hongkong, January 29, 1909. 142

TO LET.

SHOP, No. 14, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, on Lease.
'ROSENEATH' GARDEN ROAD, Kowloon.
1, FAIRVIEW, Robinson Road, Kowloon.
Apply to LEIGH & ORANGE.
Hongkong, August 25, 1908. 25

TO LET.

UNFURNISHED, No. 13B, MACDONNELL ROAD, having 6 Rooms, Servants' Quarters, Bath, Electric Light and Bells. Full view of the Harbour. Possession April 1st.
Apply to
CHUNG CHI-NAM,
c/o YAN ON INSURANCE CO., LTD.,
303, Des Vœux Road Central.
Hongkong, March 25, 1909. 425

TO LET.

70,000 SQUARE FEET of LAND with 200 feet frontage to Kowloon Bay. Moderate Rental.
Apply to
Messrs FARRELL & LYSAUGHT.
Hongkong, August 23, 1907. 1362

TO LET.

NO. 1, OBSERVATORY VILLAS, Kowloon, Electric Lights, Tennis Court, etc.
'ORANEE BUNGALOW,' Kowloon, with Garden attached. Moderate Rental.
Apply
ARRATOON V. APCAR & CO.,
45, Wyndham Street.
Hongkong, March 9, 1909. 305

TO LET.

NOS. 8 and 10, WYNDHAM STREET containing 6 Large Rooms each. Can be let together or separately.
Apply to
PEROY SMITH & SETH.
Hongkong, January 19, 1909. 93

TO LET.

GODOWN No. 5A, DUDDELL STREET.
Apply to
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY Co., LTD.
Hongkong, April 1, 1909. 709

TO LET.

SHOP and DWELLING HOUSE, No. 78, Queen's Road Central.
Apply to
S. J. DAVID & CO.,
Prince's Buildings.
Hongkong, March 25, 1909. 424

TO LET—FURNISHED.

'FUNG SHUI' The PEAK.—To be let Furnished for 8 months or longer.
Apply to
JOHNSON, STOKES & MASTER,
Solicitors,
8, Des Vœux Road Central.
Hongkong, November 6, 1908. 1520

TO LET.

OFFICES in YORK BUILDING.
GODOWNS in PRAYA EAST, Blue Buildings, and No. 18B, DES VŒUX ROAD next to the Hongkong Hotel.
FLATS in MORETON TERRACE, No. 10, DES VŒUX ROAD CENTRAL, 1st Floor.
A House in RIPON TERRACE.
A House in WONG NAI CHONG ROAD.
No. 3, CLIFTON GARDENS, Conduit Road.
Apply to
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY Co., LTD.
Hongkong, April 1, 1909. 94

TO LET.

NO. 34, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL (Shop) (opposite the Post Office).
No. 1A, WYNDHAM STREET, suitable for Office and Godown.
No. 2A, D'AGUILAR STREET, suitable for Office and Godown.
All the above are at present occupied by Weismann, Ltd.
For Particulars, etc., apply to
THE SANG FAT & CO.,
Same Address.
Hongkong, March 18, 1909. 337

TO LET.

FOUR and Five Roomed HOUSES, at Kowloon.
Near and Connected to SHOPS, NATHAN ROAD, Kowloon. Immediate possession.
OFFICES on the 1st Floor Rooms 21 & 22 Queen's Road Central occupied by Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd.
Apply to
HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, March 23, 1909. 337

To Let

TO LET.

NO. 3, LYEEMOON VILLAS, Kowloon. A Five-roomed House with Tennis Court.
Rent Moderate.
Apply at THE PREMISES.
Hongkong, April 14, 1909. 516

TO LET.

HAPPY RETREAT.

A SPACIOUS BUILDING in a Picturesque Garden, including all Furniture for restaurant only.
Apply to CHINESE MAIL,
Wah Tat Yat Po,
No. 5, Wellington St.
Hongkong, December 23, 1908. 1720

TO LET.

BEACONSFIELD ARCADE, Fine Shops, Offices and Dwelling Rooms, DWELLING ROOMS and OFFICES in QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.
GODOWNS in DUDDELL STREET.
BELILIOS TERRACE HOUSES, Robinson Road.
Nos. 2 & 3, BEACONSFIELD ARCADE facing the Parade Ground.
O. M. S. PEAK BUNGALOW, Furnished, MOUNT KELLET, from 1st April to end of June.
GLENSHIEL next to Plantation Road Tram Station, FURNISHED, 5 Rooms, for 6 months or longer from 5th May, 1909.
FERNSIDE No. 71, PEAK, unfurnished from 1st May, 1909.
No. 4, MOUNTAIN VIEW (PEAK) Furnished, from 1st June to 30th September, 1909.
FOR SALE, TOR CREST at Peak commanding magnificent view of the Harbour and adjacent islands.
New Five-roomed HOUSES in SHELLEY STREET.
The EYRIE, No. 13, Peak, unfurnished from 1st June, 1909.
Apply to
LINSTEAD & DAVIS,
3rd Floor, Alexandra Buildings.
Hongkong, April 12, 1907. 154

INTERNATIONAL SLEEPING CAR & EXPRESS TRAINS COMPANY.

(THE GREAT TRANS-SIBERIAN ROUTE TO EUROPE)

HAVING been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, we shall be pleased to give any information as to rates of passage, etc., in connection with above.
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, August 7, 1907. 1235

THE OWL GRILL ROOM
HAS REMOVED
TO MORE COMMODIOUS PREMISES
29 & 31, DES VŒUX ROAD,
Near the MUTUAL STORES.
SPECIAL RATES FOR MONTHLY CLIENTS.
TIFFIN ... ...$20 per Month.
FULL BOARD ...$40. „

JUST LANDED
American Salmon, Corned Oysters, Yarmouth Bloaters, Kippers, English Haddocks, and
New Zealand Whirio and Blue Cod.
PEPPER'S SMALL GOODS ALWAYS ON HAND.
HARRY NEWBOLD, *Proprietor.*
Hongkong, May 19, 1908. 764

PATELL & CO.,

SHAMEEN, CANTON.

NOW OFFERING
STORES, WINES, SMOKES,
OF KNOWN BRANDS
AT MODERATE PRICES.

This well reputed Stores facilitates the demands for
English, American & German Provisions
OF
RELIABLE QUALITY.
TRIAL ORDER SOLICITED.

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

TOTAL FUNDS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1908, £18,114,624.

(—Authorised Capital	£4,000,000	
Subscribed Capital	£2,750,000	
Paid-up Capital	£687,500	0 0
I—Fire Funds	8,065,374	15 7
II—Life & Annuity Funds	14,515,843	10 3
Sinking Fund Account	45,907	5 5
	£18,114,624	11 1
Revenue Fire Branch...	2,980,653	13 7
Life & Annuity Premiums.....	1,647,324	18 4
Sinking Fund Account	6,389	5 0
	£4,634,367	16 11

The Accumulated Funds of the Fire and Life Departments are free from liability in respect of each other.
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
Agents. 24

APEPFECT DISINFECTOR

JEYES' FLUID

SOLE AGENTS
W. G. HUMPHREYS & CO.,
Hong Kong.
Hongkong, May 19, 1908. 1084

WARNING NOTICE.

WASHINGTON

Notices to Consignees

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Co.'s Steamship *Namsang* having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of cargo by her are hereby informed that their goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after 4 p.m., the 17th inst., will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ld., *General Managers.*

Hongkong, April 14, 1909. 513

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.'S STEAMER *PERA*.

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, MALTA, PORT SAID, SUEZ, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed *at their risk* in the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY'S GODOWNS at Kowloon where each Consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 6 Hours.

Goods not cleared by the 15th inst., at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Company's representative at an appointed hour. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT, *Superintendent.*

Hongkong, April 10, 1909. 500

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO, HONOLULU, JAPAN & MANILA.

CONSIGNEES of CARGO per Steamship KOREA.

The above-named steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of Cargo from alongside.

Cargo impeding discharge of the vessel will be discharged at once, at Consignees' risk and expense.

Cargo remaining on board after SATURDAY, April 10th, 1909, at Noon will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

All cargo undelivered THURSDAY, April 15th, 1909, at Noon, will be subject to rent.

All chafed and otherwise damaged cargo will be examined at the above Company's Godowns on TUESDAY, April 13th, 1909, at 10 A.M.

S. SILVERSTONE, *Agent.*

Hongkong, April 8, 1909. 493

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMER *TONKIN*.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from LONDON ex s.s. *Cordouan & Charente*; from HAVRE ex s.s. *Cordouan*; from BORDEAUX ex s.s. *Ville d'Arras*, in connection with the above Steamer, are here by informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF and GODOWN COMPANY, LTD., at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before 11 A.M., To-day, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed after MONDAY, the 19th April, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All Claims must be sent in to me on or before the 19th April, or they will not be recognized.

All damaged packages will be examined on MONDAY, the 19th April, at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

P. DE CHAMPMORIN, *Agent.*

Hongkong, April 12, 1909. 506

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship BULOW, having arrived, Consignees of cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon and West Point, whence delivery may be obtained.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 14th of April, 1909, will be subject to rent.

All Broken, Chafed, and Damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined on the 14th of April, at 9.30 a.m.

All claims must reach us before the 16th of April, 1909, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, MELCHERS & CO., *General Agents.*

Hongkong, April 7, 1909. 486

Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....$15,000,000
RESERVE FUNDS—
Sterling
£1,500,000@2/-=$15,000,000
Silver 14,500,000
$29,500,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS $15,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS

Hon. Mr W. J. GRESSON—Chairman.

H. E. TOMKINS, Esq.—Deputy Chairman.

E. G. Barrett, Esq. | E. Shellim, Esq.
J. W. Bandow, Esq | R. Shewan, Esq.
C. S. Gubbay, Esq. | H. A. Siebs, Esq.
W. Helms, Esq. | Hon Mr H. A. W.
O. R. Lenzmann, Esq.— | Slade.

CHIEF MANAGER:
Hongkong—J. R. M. SMITH.

MANAGER:
Shanghai—W. ADAMS ORAM.

LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND COUNTY BANKING CO., LD.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED.

On Current Account at the rate of Two per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:—
For 3 months 2½ per cent per annum.
„ 6 „ 3½ „ „
„ 12 „ 4 „ „

J. R. M. SMITH, *Chief Manager.*

Hongkong, February 20, 1909. 63

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3½ PER CENT. per annum. Depositors may transfer at their option balances of $100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK, to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 PER CENT. per annum.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

J. R. M. SMITH, *Chief Manager.*

Hongkong, January 12, 1907. 151

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1853.

HEAD OFFICE, LONDON.

PAID-UP CAPITAL £1,200,000
RESERVE FUND £1,575,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS £1,200,000

INTEREST allowed on Current Account at the rate of 2% per annum on the Daily balances.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months 4 %
„ „ „ 6 „ 3½ „
„ „ „ 3 „ 2½ %

WM. DICKSON, *Manager.*

Hongkong, April 6, 1909. 64

NEDERLANDSCHE HANDEL-MAATSCHAPPIJ.

(NETHERLANDS TRADING SOCIETY)

ESTABLISHED 1824.

PAID-UP CAPITAL } ...Fl. 45,000,000 (£3,750,000)
RESERVE FUND } ...Fl. 5,752,884.84 (£479,407). About

HEAD OFFICE—AMSTERDAM.
HEAD AGENCY—BATAVIA.

BRANCHES:—Singapore, Penang, Shanghai, Rangoon, Samarang, Sourabaya, Cheribon, Tegal, Pecalongan, Pasoerosan, Tjilatjap, Padang, Medan (Deli), Palembang, Kota-Radja, (Acheen) Bandjermasin.

Correspondents at Macassar, Bombay, Colombo, Madras, Pondicherry, Calcutta, Bangkok, Saigon, Haiphong, Hanoi, Amoy, Yokohama, Kobe, Melbourne, Sydney, New York, San Francisco, &c., &c.

LONDON BANKERS:—The Union of London and Smiths Bank, Limited.

The Bank buys and sells and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, issues letters of credit on its Branches and correspondents in the East, on the Continent in Great Britain, America, and Australia, and transacts banking business of every description.

INTEREST ALLOWED

On Current Accounts 2% per Annum on daily balances.

Fixed Deposits 12 months 4½% per Annum.
Do 6 months 4 % Do.
Do. 3 months 3½% Do.

J. L. VAN HOUTEN, *Agent.*

Hongkong, July 17, 1908. 14

INTERNATIONAL BANKING CORPORATION.

CAPITAL. PAID-UP .....GOLD $3,250,000 about Mex. $7,222,222.
RESERVE FUND .....GOLD $3,250,000. about Mex. $7,222,222

HEAD OFFICE—
60 WALL STREET, NEW YORK.
LONDON OFFICE—THREADNEEDLE HOUSE E.C.

LONDON BANKERS:
BANK OF ENGLAND.
National Provincial Bank of England, Ltd.
The Capital and Counties Bank, Ltd.

BRANCHES & AGENTS ALL OVER THE WORLD.

THE Corporation Transacts every description of Banking and Exchange business, receives money in Current Account at the rate of 2% per annum on daily balances and accepts Fixed Deposits at the following rates:—

For 12 months 4½ per cent per annum.
For 6 „ 4 per cent per annum.
For 3 „ 3 per cent per annum.

No. 9. QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, Hongkong.

W. M. ANDERSON, *Manager.*

Hongkong, January 24, 1906.

Banks

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL.....£1,500,000
SUBSCRIBED.....£1,125,000
PAID UP .....£ 562,500
RESERVE FUND .....£ 210,000

BANKERS:
LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts the rate of 2% per annum on the Daily Balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:—
For 12 months .....4 %
„ 6 „ .....3½ %
„ 3 „ .....2½ %

EVAN ORMISTON, *Manager.*

Hongkong, April 22, 1908. 42

YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK.

ESTABLISHED 1880.

CAPITAL PAID-UP ... ... Yen 24,000,000
RESERVE FUNDS ... ... „ 15,500,000

HEAD OFFICE—YOKOHAMA.

BRANCHES AND AGENCIES:

TOKIO.	KOBE.	NAGASAKI.
LONDON.	LYONS.	NEW YORK
SAN FRANCISCO.	HONOLULU.	BOMBAY.
SHANGHAI.	HANGKOW.	CHEFOO.
TIENTSIN.	PEKING.	NEWCHWANG
PORT ARTHUR.	DALNY.	ANTUNG.
LIOYANG	MUKDEN.	TIE-LING.
CHANG-CHUN.		

HONGKONG—Interest allowed.

On Current Account at the Rate of 2% per annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:—
For 12 months.....5% per annum
For 6 months.....4% „
For 3 months.....3% „

TAKEO TAKAMICHI, *Manager.*

Hongkong, March 22, 1909.

RUSSO-CHINESE BANK.

ORGANISED UNDER IMPERIAL DECREE OF 10TH DECEMBER, 1895.

CAPITAL ..... { 15,000,000 Roubles
2,000,000 Sh. Taels
CAPITAL contributed by CHINESE GOVERNMENT ...5,000,000 K. Taels

RESERVE FUND .....Roubles 4,955,000.

HEAD OFFICE—ST. PETERSBURG

London Office: 41, Threadneedle St., E.C.

BRANCHES AND AGENCIES:

Andijon	Khokan	Peking
Batoum	Kiachta	Samarkand
Balgowest-chensk	Kirin	San Francisco
Bodaibo	Kobe	Shanghai
Bonkhara	Kouldja	Stretensk
Busk	Krasnoiarsk	Tashkend
Calcutta	Kwantchendze	Tchita
Chefoo	Linoysng	Tchengoutche
Dalny	London	Tielin
Hailar	Marguelan	Tientsin
Hakhodate	Moscow	Tsitsihar
Hankow	Moukden	Verchneoudsk
Harbin	Nagasaki	Vladivostock
Hongkong	Newchwang	Verny
Irkutsk	Nicolajevsk	Yokohama
Kalgan	Ouilissital	Zaisanskaia
Kashgar	Ourga	Zeiskala
Khabarovsk	Paris	Pristan

BANKERS:
LONDON—Glyn, Mills, Currie & Co.
PARIS—Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris. Banque de Paris et des Pays Bas
BERLIN—Mendelssohn & Co.
HAMBURG—M. M. Warburg & Co.
VIENNA—K. K. Priv. Oesterr Credit Anstalt fu Handel Gewerbe.
AMSTERDAM—Lippmann, Rosenthal & Co.

Interest Allowed:

Current Accounts in Dollars 2½ per cent. per annum on credit balances of $1,000 and over.

Fixed Deposits. Terms on application.

Local Bills discounted. Special facilities for Russian exchange. Foreign exchange on the principal cities of the world bought and sold.

A. KRAEUTLER, *Manager.*
HONGKONG BRANCH
PRINCE'S BUILDINGS
Hongkong, March 12, 1909.

PEAK TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

TIME TABLE.

WEEK DAYS.

6.00 a.m. to 7.30 a.m....Every 30 minutes.
7.30 a.m. to 10.00 a.m....Every 10 minutes.
10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m....Every 15 minutes.
11.30 a.m. to 12.45 p.m....Every 15 minutes.
12.45 p.m. to 1.15 p.m....Every 10 minutes.
1.15 p.m. to 1.45 p.m....Every 15 minutes.
1.45 p.m. to 2.15 p.m....Every 10 minutes.
2.15 p.m. to 3.00 p.m....Every 15 minutes.
3.30 p.m. to 5.00 p.m....Every 15 minutes.
5.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m....Every 10 minutes.

NIGHT CARS.

8.45 p.m. and 9 p.m., 9.45 p.m. to 11.15 p.m. every half hour.

SUNDAYS.

8.00 a.m. to 9.00 a.m....Every 15 minutes.
9.00 a.m. to 9.30 a.m....Every 30 minutes.
9.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m....Every 15 minutes.
10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m....Every 10 minutes.
11.45 a.m. to 12 Noon....Every 15 minutes.
12.00 Noon to 1.00 p.m....Every 10 minutes.
1.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m....Every 15 minutes.
5.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m....Every 10 minutes.
6.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m....Every 15 minutes.
7.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m....Every 10 minutes.

NIGHT CARS as on Week Days.

SATURDAYS.

Extra Cars at 2.15, 11.30 and 11.45 p.m.

SPECIAL CARS by Arrangement at the Company's Office, ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS, Des Voeux Road Central.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, *General Managers.*

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The kermess on behalf of the foundlings in charge of the Canossian Sisters has now been definitely fixed for Saturday, the 17th inst. It will be followed on Sunday by a Flower Shower at which three prizes presented by H. E. the Governor, Sr. Rocadas, the President of the Camara, Dr Nolasco, and the Director of the Public Works, Sr. Miranda Guedes, will be awarded to the trio of most successful exhibitors. The inauguration of the bust of Vasco da Gama, which was to have been performed concurrently, is put off indefinitely as the bronze effigy is not yet to hand.

Under the command of Captain Pagean the river gunboat Dilly, which was built in Hongkong for the Timor district, is starting on Wednesday next for her future quarters. She is manned by a crew from the Royal Navy and carries Chinese firemen and stokers.

In a fit of jealousy the No. 3 mistress of a carpenter named Chan Kam Tong made short shift of her tortures by swallowing a free dose of opium, a portion of which she had introduced into a couple of oranges, handing one to each of her two little sons who eagerly made them vanish. Fortunately the father returned home in time to save his little ones from the tragic sequel to the poor woman's overfondness for him.

Two fishing smacks have just returned from a cruise on the high seas carrying the crew of a Japanese vessel hailing from Formosa and which was totally wrecked on the desert island of Coulan. Several days had been spent in dire extremities by the 24 shipwrecked men on the island before relief hove in sight. The men were subsequently sent over by the local authorities to the Japanese Consul at Hongkong.

News has been received in London of the death of Mr James Macarthur, of the New York publishing house of Harper. Mr Macarthur was a Scotsman, and before he went to America as one of the literary advisers of the Harpers he was a familiar figure in the London book world. He was a keen, cultured, admirably informed bookman, with all a Scotsman's native regard for the high calling of literature. He made his critical insight felt in various ways in America, and he was one of those personal influences which keep the literary forces of England and America in touch. Mr Macarthur was still young, with his ripest years before him, but he has been cut down by that scourge, cancer.

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12.30 p.m.—Half-yearly Meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, &c, at No. 13, Peak Road, (Upper Albany).
9 p.m.—Smoking Concert of Institution of Engineers & Shipbuilders of Hongkong, in the Institute Rooms.

MONDAY, April 19:—
Goods per *Tonkin* unclaimed after this date at Noon will be subject to rent and landing charges.

WEDNESDAY, April 21:—
Noon—Auction of Valuable Leasehold Property, at Messrs Hughes & Hough's Sales Rooms.
Noon—Meeting of Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ld., at Head Office.
12.30 p.m.—Meeting of China Traders' Insurance Co., Ld., at Head Office.

FRIDAY, April 23:—
9.15 p.m.—Concert of H.K. Philharmonic Society at City Hall.

SATURDAY, April 24:—
Noon—Meeting of Hongkong Electric Co., Ld., at Co.'s Offices.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 1909.

CREDIT.

Mr VIVIAN ROTHWELL BOWDEN, President of the Yokohama Foreign Board of Trade, speaking at the annual general meeting of that body, had some very interesting remarks to make concerning a question which interests the whole of the business world, but more particularly the foreign merchants trading in British Malaya, the Straits Settlements China and Japan—the question of credit. After referring to an attempt which had been made in Yokohama to devise some scheme for restricting credit sales, a scheme which unfortunately never materialised, though there was unanimity among importers as to the terms of sale which should really apply in various branches of the import trade, Mr. BOWDEN continued:—"We must, I think, all recognise that a system of credit sales, and of promissory notes, has in some lines of business, become an established custom; and it is impossible to get back to the good old days when bargain money on the signing of a contract, and cash before delivery of goods, were the general conditions of sale. We must also recognise the fact that the pressure of competition is gradually but surely extending the period of credit given. That goods which were in the past sold on credit, and that goods which were until comparatively recent times sold on 10, 20 or 30 days' credit, now obtain 30, 45 and 60 days, and perhaps even longer terms. The same causes in other parts of the world have led to the same results. Good times and keen competition lead to an extravagant expansion of the credit system, until every petty trader and dealer expects and obtains exaggerated periods of credit for his purchases. So long as times are booming, all goes well; but the inevitable result of this unhealthy state of affairs follows in due course, and when the bad times come, the weaker houses go to the wall, whilst many of the strongest are shaken to their foundations. A state of affairs such as I have just described was experienced in Australia some years back. Some houses suffered less than others, but the severe strain of the financial crisis was universally felt, and the ultimate outcome of it was the formation of Associations by the various trades and industries to regulate the terms of credit sales upon a fixed and healthy basis. The conditions which have recently prevailed here have been very similar in cause and effect to those, and I do not see, why similar controlling measures, such as were subsequently adopted in Australia, should not also be successful in Japan. Under such a system those engaged to the different branches of Imports would mutually agree as to the extreme term of credit which could be given for each line, and would bind themselves not to exceed this limit. There would be no dictation as to the terms upon which each individual did his business. Those who preferred to stick to cash sales would be at liberty to do so, whilst those who chose to take the risks of credit business, could please themselves as to what credit they gave, and could regulate their terms to suit each particular transaction, so long as they did not exceed the credit limit fixed by the Association. I can see no good reason why the members of this Board cannot do what has been successfully done elsewhere, and I hope that the question will be taken up again and carried to a satisfactory conclusion. There can be no doubt as to the necessity of restricting credit within reasonable limits, nor of the immense advantages which would accrue therefrom."

It was the inordinate extension of the credit system which led to the serious troubles which have afflicted Tientsin during the past there years—troubles which, it seems, can only be set right now through diplomatic action, as a last resource—and the same cause has operated throughout China, aggravating and intensifying the ills which overtrading gave rise to, and impeding the return of better times. The lessons of the last few years have been acquired in the bitter school of experience, which, the old copy books used to tell us, were the best of teachers. But having been learned surely commonsense demands that their underlying principles should be resolutely applied. The evil is fully recognised; the remedy is now suggested. It would indeed be well for the merchants of China and Japan if they could follow Australia's lead in this respect and set up at the various commercial centres such Associations as Mr BOWDEN speaks of. No surer method, in our opinion, could be devised for hastening the return of those good times which Mr ROBERT SHEWAN in his recent public addresses so confidently sees ahead of us: while no surer method for placing the import trade on a safe, healthy and therefore satisfactory basis could be established. Surely there is sufficient mutual confidence among the foreign merchants of China and Japan to make the scheme possible.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

We have been advised that Mr Lammert's auction of household furniture at No. 13, Peak Road (the residence of Madame Marty), advertised for Saturday next, will be continued on the following Monday at 11 a.m.

A fire broke out in the drying kiln at the cement works, Hunghom, about 1.30 a.m. this morning. Firemen from the Central Station with the water float assisted by their comrades from Yaumati quickly arrived but owing to the peculiar nature of the fire it was not extinguished until about 6 o'clock this morning. It is supposed that the overheating of the kiln was the cause of the outbreak and the damage is estimated at $300.

A lawsuit regarding the possession of twenty-four titles of nobility, which has lasted for a century, has just been decided at Rome. By the decision of the Court of Cassation, the twenty-four titles have been awarded to Signor Baldassarre Carsciolo, of Naples. Signor Caracciolo will, therefore, be entitled to bear the title of prince, that of marquis, three titles of count, and eighteen distinct titles of baron. A twenty-fifth distinction which Signor Carriolo will receive is that of Grandee of Spain of the First Class.

The lot of the French Army officer is not all that it is to be desired. It seems that his pay was fixed after the war with Germany in 1870, and there has been no increase since that period. In almost every other occupation the pay or stipend has been augmented to meet the extra cost of necessaries, but the officer has been forgotten, so the question is coming to the front, and, as a Paris contemporary observes, when the Chambers vote so many millions for less urgent requirements, some consideration should be given to those from whom the State expects absolute devotion in the time of peace and his life in time of war.

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The closing cruise of the Corinthian Yacht Club is to be held on Sunday at Junk Bay. A launch will leave Blake Pier at 11 a.m. sharp.

"Sir Robert Hart: the Romance of a Great Career," is the title of a book written by his niece, Juliet Bredon, which Messrs Hutchinson will publish during the spring.

Reports in shipbuilding circles state that Messrs Harland and Wolff, of Belfast, have obtained a substantial, if not a controlling, interest in the great Palmer firm at Jarrow-on-Tyne.

Messrs. Hughes and Hough on Wednesday afternoon sold at Kennedy's stables three well-known race ponies. Seafoam was purchased by Lieut. Leeson for $500; Strathdallas was knocked down to Dr. J. W. Noble for $150; and Kingston was sold to Mr Li Tze Ming for $60.

Referring to Lord Crewe's promise that Hongkong shall receive compensation for the loss of the opium revenue, the *Globe* remarks:—We are in some doubt whether the Chancellor of the Exchequer will welcome the prospect of still further increasing his deficit by sending solid cash to make up the deficiency of Hongkong; and he may quite possibly be prepared to let the question of paying in England for stopping the opium traffic abroad wait for a year or so, especially in such an unobtrusive place as the Chinese quarter of our most easterly possession.

"We understand," says the *South London Press*, "that while Mr Belilios, the prospective Unionist candidate for Walworth, was in Hongkong, whither he has just returned, he was asked to accept a brief to defend a Chinaman accused of murder. After a long argument Mr Belilios, much to the surprise of the whole court, challenged the interpreter in the Chinese language, and succeeded in getting his client off with only two years' imprisonment. It was no small compliment to the legal and linguistic skill of Mr Belilios that within forty-eight hours of this case being heard he had no fewer than five briefs offered to him by Chinamen living in the district." Of course one always has to go abroad to get news of home, but we often wonder who are the imaginative persons who start such yarns as these.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr Luke E. Wright, formerly Governor-General of the Philippines, is expected to succeed Mr Fuller as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States in October next.

Mr C. H. Corse, formerly in the office of the Pacific Mail at Hongkong, has been appointed general agent for the Chicago Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway Company for the Orient. He is expected here on June 1st.

The Rev. Dr. Arthur J. Brown, one of the secretaries of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, will leave New York for the Far East in August and will spend four months on a tour of the mission stations of the Presbyterian Church in Korea, Japan and China. Mrs Brown will accompany him, and they will leave on the steamship Korea from San Francisco August 5. It is seven years since Dr Brown last visited the Orient.

A CHARGE OF EMBEZZLMENT.

The case in which Morris Bon, a general agent, was charged with embezzling $500 belonging to Dora Jackson came again before Mr J. H. Kemp, at the Magistracy to-day.

Complainant stated she gave defendant the money which was in notes, while he was in her house, to get a draft for her. Now the money had been returned and she did not wish to proceed with the case.

His Worship:—That is not sufficient to withdraw the case.

Chief Inspector Hanson said there had been another witness but she had left the Colony.

His Worship:—Where was he going to get the draft?

Witness:—I don't know.

Did he tell you he was going away?—No.

When did you get the money back?—On Tuesday morning.

Do you know how long defendant has been living here?—About a month.

How long have you known him?—About twelve months.

Was anyone present when you gave him this money?—Yes, another lady.

His Worship said there was enough evidence to convict defendant.

Defendant was sentenced to two months' hard labour. His Worship remarking that he had taken into account the fact that the money had been returned.

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A DANGER TO NAVIGATION.

Capt. Bergoglian, of the Austrian s.s. China, reports having passed at 1 p.m. on the 14th instant, in latitude 19° 02' N. and longitude 113° 48' E. a big Chinese junk, which was drifting with the tide, a danger to navigation.

THE WARD COMPANY.

Last night at the Theatre Royal Mr Hugh Ward's talented company presented "The New Clown," a farcical comedy in three acts, before a crowded house. There is no doubt the present company is one of the best we have seen on the local boards for some considerable time, and when every one is an artist it naturally followed that the performances cannot be other than first class. Last night Mr Ward, as the New Clown, was given ample scope to show his abilities as a comedian. The role suited him to perfection, and the continuous ripples of laughter which pervaded the theatre during his appearances on the stage, testified to the excellence of his efforts. Miss Palotta, as Mary Platt, the showman's daughter, was charming, and the duet between the Showman's Daughter and "The New Clown" was the tit-bit of the evening, being deservedly encored. Another splendid character study was that given by Mr Reginald Wykeham, as the proprietor of Dixon's circus. His performance was a strong one, showing careful study to detail and his interpretation was undoubtedly a great factor in making the evening the success it was. To-night "Mr Hopkinson" will be staged, whilst the new programme which is announced, includes the following farcical comedies:—"The Man from Mexico," "Brown's in Town" and "Vivian's Papas"; a comedy drama entitled "The Prima Donna," and, as a farewell attraction, the enormously successful farcical comedy, "When Knights were Bold." The box plans for these performances will be opened at S. Moutrie and Co.'s, Ltd. to-morrow (Friday) morning.

HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

The Board of Directors of the above company will present the following report to the twentieth ordinary yearly meeting of shareholders, to be held at the company's offices, St. George's Building, at noon on Saturday, 24th April:—Your Directors have the pleasure to submit the accompanying Statement of the Company's Accounts for the year ending 28th February 1909.

The Balance at Credit of Profit and Loss Account is $161,702.22; after deducting Directors' Fees ($3000) there remains a sum of $158,702.92 available for appropriation, and your Directors recommend that this be disposed of as follows:—

To pay a Dividend of 10 per cent:—say $1.00 per share on 60,000 Shares, $60,000.00; To pay a Bonus of 2 per cent:—say 20 cents per share on 60,000 Shares, $12,000.00; To write off Plant Account for depreciation, $66,382.15; To write off Property Account for depreciation, $11,043.99; To pay a Bonus to Staff, $4,081.30; To carry forward to next Account, $5,193.48; Total, $158,702.92.

In accordance with the Articles of Association, Messrs. J. W. C. Bonnar and E. G. Barrett retire, but, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

The Accounts have been audited by Messrs. W. Hutton Potts and J. Cox Edwards (the latter in place of Mr C. W. May who is absent from the Colony). Messrs. W. Hutton Potts and J. Cox Edwards offer themselves for re-election.

A correspondent in *Country Life* throws a little light upon the expression, "Taking the gilt off the gingerbread." The writer states that the caretaker of Newark Castle a few years ago saved from fire a gingerbread mould which he discovered in an old cottage. The mould, which must be at least 150 years old, is a wooden block about two feet in length, with a quaint woodcut of a king stamped on it. On the reverse side is a queen. The mould was covered with gold leaf.

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THE TURKISH REVOLUTION.

REPORTED BLOODSHED.

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LONDON, April 14.

It is reported that the Turkish Minister of Justice has been murdered, the Minister of Marine wounded, and the Minister for War taken prisoner.

Seventeen persons are said to have been killed and 30 wounded.

Edhem Pasha, who commanded the troops in the war with Greece, was appointed Minister for War last evening. He proceeded from Yildiz to Stambul to the accompaniment of cheering troops and bands.

An Iade was read in the Chamber accepting the resignation of the Cabinet, and ordering the formation of a new Ministry. It also pardons the mutineers.

The message was received with cheers for the Sultan.

THE UNDERLYING CAUSES.

LONDON, April 15.

The underlying causes of the Turkish revolt are somewhat obscure, but the overthrow of the Committee of Union and Progress was the main purpose, wherein both the Liberals and the newly constituted Mahommedan League joined for some reason. It is supposed that the Sultan countenanced the proceedings of the mutinous soldiers as there was little bloodshed, and that mainly through isolated affrays.

Constantinople was quiet yesterday and business is resuming.

THE WHEAT CORNER.

BIG SMASH IN NEW YORK.

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LONDON, April 15.

As a result of the immense wheat corner engineered in Chicago, by a speculator named Patten, the firm of stockbrokers, Ennis and Stopain, of New York, have failed, with liabilities of £300,000.

ITEMS AT THE COURTS.

For snatching a gold earpick from a native woman in Queen's Road, a native was sentenced to two months' hard labour, six hours' stocks and two whippings of twelve strokes each, at the Magistracy to-day.

HANS E. PAU, chief engineer of the s.s. Pong Tong, and Hermann Schoede, a surveyor, did not appear at the Magistracy to-day, to answer a charge of being drunk and disorderly and their bail was estreated, the former $5 and the latter $10.

A sentence of three months' hard labour, six hours' stocks and two whippings of twelve strokes each, was imposed on a native at the Magistracy to-day, who stole a gold watch and chain, soon after five o'clock on Wednesday evening, from I Yeu Kee, in Kowloon City road.

The native who assaulted Constable Routledge while he was being taken to Shaukiwan on a remand charge of attempted larceny, on the three charges, that of attempted larceny, assaulting the constable, and being in possession of opium, was sentenced to fourteen weeks' hard labour, at the Magistracy, this afternoon.

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CHINA MERCHANT STEAM NAVIGATION CO.

(*Wah Tze Yat Po's Service.*)

PEKING, April 15.

The Board of Communications has conferred with Viceroy Yong Shi Shang as to the advisability of bringing the China Merchant Steam Navigation Company within the control of the Board.

CHINA'S CONSTITUTION.

(*Wah Tze Yat Po's Service.*)

PEKING, April 14.

The Constitutional Administration Department has decided that a General Assembly shall be held twice a year.

PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS FOR CHINESE OFFICIALS.

(*Wah Tze Yat Po's Service.*)

PEKING, April 14.

The Prince Regent has authorised the Presidents and the Vice-Presidents of the various Boards to engage professional advisers.

ANGLO-SIAMESE TREATY.

A CHINESE COMPLAINT.

(*Wah Tze Yat Po's Service.*)

PEKING, April 14.

A certain Minister has pointed out to the Board of Foreign Affairs that it is his opinion that the Anglo-Siamese Treaty interferes with the privileges of the Chinese in Siam. He advises that the Board should endeavour to secure amendments.

MORE RAILWAY LOANS.

(*Wah Tze Yat Po's Service.*)

PEKING, April 14.

The Lok Chong Railway, in the Province of Honan, requires a loan of five millions from the National Bank, the shares collected not being sufficient to provide for the completion of the line.

TIBET'S ASSISTANT RESIDENT-GENERAL.

(*Wah Tze Yat Po's Service.*)

PEKING, April 14.

H. E. Wan Chang Yui, Imperial Assistant Resident-General, is reported to have arrived at Tibet.

PRINCE CHING SICK.

(*Wah Tze Yat Po's Service.*)

PEKING, April 14.

Prince Ching is on sick leave.

WEST RIVER NOTES.

(*From Our Own Correspondent.*)

NANNING, April 10.

A new motor boat made its appearance here on Thursday, the Hong On, a very smart looking craft, costing $17,000. She has extensive accomodation for passengers and is capable of carrying a large quantity of cargo. She flies the British flag, but does not belong to Banker and Co., who are building a third addition to their fleet which is expected to make her first appearance here in two months time.

I hear that these firms are thinking of despatching their vessels as far as Lungchou on the Tonkin frontier.

The River has been extraordinary low, even below low water mark! And, yet we have had rain (after a fashion) here since Christmas with scarcely a sight of the sun. There having been no proper downpour of rain, only intermittent dripping, and no sun to sterilise the stinks, we have had a very distressing time and rejoice once more that to-day there is brilliant sunshine!

The foundations have been laid of the new hospital of the Emmanuel Medical Mission; but work has been somewhat delayed partly on account of the weather and partly because of the scarcity of bricks which can only be bought at exortitant prices.

The rain has hindered the manufacture and the building "boom" has dislocated the market: bricks which last summer could easily be had at $70 per ten thousand cannot now be got for $90!

The new Military College swallows up materials like a huge octopus. Hundreds of magnificent pieces of timber have come all the way from the Miao country up above Laochow, floated down the Luchow river as far as Kwai Ping, then pulled up the West River to Nanning.

It is not known for certain how many soldiers will be stationed here. Some Chinese give the number as 20,000; and others say that 10,000 additional men will be drafted every year to Nanning till there are 50,000 in all. We shall see.

A number of Kwangsi missionaries who have long felt the need of a Summer resort close at hand, are clubbing together to build houses on Tumbbell Island near Hongkong.

We sadly lack Sanatoria in South China, easy of access, and with moderate cost of living; and when shall we have a Southern "Kuling"? There are numbers of suitable sites along the Canton-Hankow railway may make possible.

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PORK IN GOAL.

An Indian warder of the Victoria Goal was charged before Mr J. H. [illegible] at the Magistracy, this afternoon, with committing a breach of the prison rules.

A native undergoing a sentence of five years for burglary testified that defendant put some pork twice into his cell and he threw it out again and witness then called the principal warder.

"This Indian is a tender-hearted man and brought it to me out of kindness," said witness, in reply to Mr G. H. Gardiner, who appeared for the defence.

The pork could be passed from one cell to the other, if it was done slyly. Witness thought prisoner 191, who sent the pork, wished to do him an ill-turn.

The case was remanded.

Mr Craig, Governor of the Goal, prosecuted.

SEQUEL TO BIG FRAUDS.

Identifying a Woman.

Before Mr Justice Gompertz (Puisne Judge), in the Court of Summary Jurisdiction, to-day, there was a trial of an issue to decide whether Yuen A Choy, a Chinese woman, was the same person as Ho Sze, who had appeared as the plaintiff in former actions.

The defendant, Lai Chi Chin, alleged that the person describing herself as Yuen A Choy, and arrested by virtue of three writs of execution issued on April 7th, 1908, denied that she was the person who appeared as and to give evidence as plaintiff in each of the actions.

Mr C. F. Dixon appeared for Yuen A Choy and Mr Hett for Lai Chi Chin.

Mr Dixon said this was an issue ordered to be tried in an action in which Ho Sze was the plaintiff and the Tak Li Lung firm, Lau Hing Pong and Lai Chi Chin the defendants. That action was decided in Lai Chi Chin's favour and he taxed his costs against the plaintiff Ho Sze [and arrested her in execution, so he said. As a matter of fact he arrested the person for whom he (Mr Dixon) was appearing. The issue was whether Yuen A Choy was the same person as Ho Sze. He (Mr Dixon) submitted that the onus being upon Mr Hett to justify execution, he must begin.

Mr Hett urged that the onus to begin was on the other side. A warrant had been issued ordering that a certain woman be arrested. She had been arrested, and if she wanted to show that the warrant was not applicable to her she had to come before his Lordship and show they were wrong in arresting her. Until she went into the box and proved she had been arrested neither she or her solicitors could have any *locus standi* at all.

Mr Dixon—This is not an action for false imprisonment, my lord. My friend seems to think it is.

Mr Hett said the original action was quite unlike any other. It was a fraud of the most daring kind. There were a number of actions commenced by Ho Sze against the Tak Li Lung firm, Lau Hing Pong, and Lai Chi Chin, the two last named being joined as alleged partners. These actions were three of about 40 which were commenced about that time by widows, or ladies, who lived in the Tak Li Lung house. One of these actions was taken more or less as a test case, and Mr Justice Wise said he was not altogether satisfied but he must give judgment against the firm and the partners. The action was for money lent. All these 40 ladies came up with promissory notes and said they had lent sums to the Tak Lai Hing Firm, which was in a state of dissolution. Lau Hing Pong engineered the whole fraud. He had done some work for Lai Chi Chin and in correspondence had discovered that he was a rich man. With the firm in low water Lau Hing Pong devised this wonderful scheme of chopping innumerable promissory notes and handing them round to different women. Then the action was commenced alleging that Lai Chi Chin was a partner, and in the end Mr Justice Wise gave judgment for the 40 plaintiffs with costs. Subsequently by a lucky chance they discovered the man who had written the books, and a re-hearing was applied for. One of these cases was tried *de novo* before the Full Court, and it was proved that a great many of the entries in the books were untrue. It was finally discovered that they had got hold of the twin set of books, and the writer of the books explained how several of the 40 ladies were engaged in rubbing the new books with tobacco ash to make them look old. Eventually the Full Court gave judgment for Lai Chi Chin with costs. The whole thing was a fearful exposure and was cleverly engineered and worked and might have been very successful if they had not got hold of the books. He (Mr Hett) suggested that the ladies did not use their own names in these transactions, as the result might be rather serious for them. So it might be that the woman who had been arrested was not Ho Sze at all.

Mr Dixon—That is not the point; it is whether she appeared and gave evidence. It does not matter what her real name was.

Mr Hett said it was quite possible that the woman might be able to prove that she was not Ho Sze; they were full of tricks.

Evidence was called by both sides. Chinese witnesses and Mr Gardner, who was legally engaged in the original cases, swore that the arrested woman, Yuen A Choy, was the same person who previously gave evidence as Ho Sze; while Mr F. X. D'Almada, who was also concerned in the original cases, denied this, and pointed out another woman in Court, and swore that she was Ho Sze.

Mr Hett complained that Mr Almada had not helped them in securing the right woman. He was able to bring her to Court that day.

Mr Dixon said Mr Hett's clients had behaved in a most reckless manner. They had pointed out the wrong woman and had come into Court and committed perjury.

Mr Hett repeated his complaint, and added that he should ask his Lordship to deal in a drastic way with the woman produced by Mr Dixon if the case went against his clients.

His Lordship, after hearing further evidence, said he had great difficulty in coming to a decision, but on the whole he bound to find for Yuen A Choy, with costs.

Mr Hett intimated that he might want to appeal on a point of law, as to whether the onus of proof was not on the other side.

Stay of execution was accordingly granted, the order being for payment unless steps are taken for an appeal within a week.

DR. AMOS. P. WILDER BANQUETTED.

Dr Amos. P. Wilder, Coudul General for the United States of North America, was entertained on Wednesday evening by a number of the leading Chinese gentlemen at the Chinese Club, prior to his departure on leave.

Mr Lau Chu Pak presided and the toasts of "The King," "The President of the United States" and "The Emperor of China" were loyally received.

Mr Lau Chu Pak then said: Gentlemen,—As you are all aware, the occasion which calls us together here this evening is to pay our respects to a gentleman, as he deserves it, and to bid him farewell on the eve of his departure for Home on a well-earned holiday. That gentleman is no other than the widely popular and highly esteemed Consul-General for the United States, Dr Wilder. I am exceedingly glad that in the midst of his busy preparations he has been able to find leisure to favour us with his genial company, thus affording us an opportunity of giving vent to our own admiration of his many excellent qualities, and to the appreciation of our compatriots of his many kind acts, both in his official capacity as the representative of a powerful nation and in his private capacity as a friend. In customs and habits, it is true, the East differs from the West in many ways, but in feelings, I think you will all admit, there is, if not an exact, a very close similarity; the Chinese know as well as their Western brothers who deserves honour and respect and what to be grateful for. In our distinguished guest, our compatriots, who have business connections with his country, have not only a fair-minded official to deal with, but also a sympathetic friend, who is ready to assist in any way he can. Who knowing him well has not a good word to say in his praise? During the many years he has spent amongst us he has by his affability, politeness and impartiality, won the good will and esteem of all those who have been brought into contact with him. To win the goodwill of one's fellow creatures by purely personal merits is, I should say, as great an achievement in one's life as the acquirement of fame and honour by heroic deeds. Particularly in his own Homeland, it is the gaining of the people's goodwill that has made many great men greater. Our guest has that capability. As a scholar, he is learned and accomplished; as an official, he is well-informed, just and dignified; as a debater, he is eloquent and resourceful; and as a private individual, he is kind, honest and charitable. Fortunate indeed is the country which possesses a servant of his abilities. It need never fear that, in his hands, its interests will suffer either politically or commercially. He is going away from us now and may not come back again. We all, of course, sincerely regret that we shall, very soon, lose sight of his familiar figure moving energetically amongst us, but, when we reflect that his absence from us means real happiness to his own kith and kin longing to embrace him, and possible promotion to a higher sphere in the official circle of his country, for which by his great talents he is so well qualified, we would rather rejoice in the success which is awaiting him, than regret his departure from our midst. Gentlemen, I call upon you all to cordially join me in drinking to his and the health of his family and wishing them long life and prosperity. We wish him "bon voyage" and may he, on arrival, find his folks all in the best of health and his countrymen with outstretched hands ready to welcome him to a higher seat of honour. (Applause).

The toast was enthusiastically honoured.

Mr Wilder in thanking Mr Lau Chu Pak and his other hosts for the kindness of their farewell dinner on the eve of his departure for Home for a season, said that he had enjoyed rare opportunities for meeting the Chinese of all classes and as he had said before, was enthusiastic over this nation, with reference to their future. He had enjoyed personal relations with many of the Chinese gentlemen of Hongkong, and his experience simply confirmed an old truth that men are much alike wherever one finds them. Courtesy and kindness he had found on every side. He was glad to see that the University scheme was going on; South China is on the eve of large things and certainly a modern university at this key port was one of the things to develop. Wealthy Chinese could build no better monument than to put their money into this institution. Continuing he said: A man thinks nothing of going up into the cemetery and spending a large sum on a tomb or of building a temple; here they would be contributing toward an undying influence among their people and their names would be gratefully remembered by a late generation. Education is not everything but it is an open door to everything, whether in the way of material prosperity or of heart and mind culture. Chang Chi-tung understands this and never loses an opportunity to say that to learn is China's only hope. A university graduating Chinese of the truest culture would make them influential in Hongkong and in the government of the empire; one has but to look over the names of the Chinese in high station to see that many of them are men trained on foreign lines. The Chinese live in their sons even more than foreigners; and if you want a son to do you credit in the highest way you must give him the best modern advantages; and these are found along with the new education which foreigners have for the Chinese. The beginning of the fund for the university is an excellent start; what is needed is for some of your wealthy people to put their heart into large gifts. With the land, and the buildings by the generosity of Mr Mody in sight, it will be a reflection on the Chinese if they let this opportunity go by, for they are the ones who will receive the chief benefit. Dr. Wilder said he had no hesitation in saying that to the man interested in live things, Hongkong is an ideal residence, for the chief movement of the world of our time is now on, China is awakening; old prejudices have disappeared. While the people are not as yet eager as the Japanese were to take on modern things, yet there is a contingent who have the fever and it will spread. China is a democracy in essence and admirable in many points in its governmental methods, but efficiency, commonly prompt and unselfishness in administration have yet to be learned. Order is heaven's first law; and from the fact that returning Chinese often do not dare to return to their villages with out a present, I have come to think that in the interior the citizen is not properly protected. While the Chinese citizen will not endure extortion from his officials beyond a certain point, he must or should demand that there be no extortion. Chinese officials should be paid a fair salary and every one who has business at a yamen should see the fee posted up and always pay the same. As it is, a Chinese citizen dreads to have business at a yamen. We all know that it is unjust to assail all Chinese officials, as many of them are just men; it is the system that is at fault. But as in the conduct of a railroad, there must first be a road bed and rails, so in government there must be order and up and openness, promptness and honesty in administration. It is gratifying that the new government at Peking is quietly installed. Some have expressed wonder that in view of the defects in the present government of China foreign nations do not take sides with the revolutionists. They forget that some government is better than none, and that the uncertainties of upheaval are too great to invite the sympathy of foreigners. This is especially so in China where the people accept whatever government they find, provided it is not too harsh with them. China teaches the world a number of things; its appeal to reason and conference rather than to arms in time of quarrel is most impressive. During my three years in Hongkong I have seen but one fight in the streets, which was a mere transitory matter of hair-pulling. The Chinese people are full of capacity. Some have expressed wonder that more of them have not excelled in science, medicine, etc., whereas the Japanese have some men of world prominence. I believe the explanation lies in the fact that they have not yet been given the opportunity. As I have said, China has not yet a universal enthusiasm toward the new learning. The rulers have declared for it and have put up modern school buildings, but unlike the Japanese they have not put themselves in a teachable frame of mind. The Japanese confessed he did not know and was willing to learn. I note that in the Nanking school, with some 400 pupils, that there were 100 high grade expensive microscopes unpacked. There was no one who knew how to use them. The Japanese not only got the microscopes but gladly imported teachers. The result is that they know as much about the microscopes now as the man who makes them. They could imagine how pleasant and broadening it was for an American—a nation segregated and thrown on each other for information—to mingle for three years with men of so many other nations and especially to come in contact with the Chinese people. It had made real to him the dictum of Confucius that all men within the four seas are brothers—or should be, and he trusted that the remaining years of his life would reflect more of this great truth. He had frequently expressed his admiration for the qualities of the Chinese—the wonderful capacity that characterized the people. Even in the remote interior where people are so poor and unprogressive one has a sense of capacity awaiting but opportunity. The ancient prejudice against the European—the fear that his coming somehow meant an assault on national life—was broken down. The Chinese wish to do things themselves, but this is ambition rather than suspicion and fear. The early railroads and some other projects were constructed by foreigners exclusively and have proved successful. The Chinese have jumped to the conclusion that they can do these things themselves and must learn their mistake at some expense. China is indeed going forward; it is impressive to think that at last the No. 1 of the Empire is a man who speaks English and has been abroad. Information from Peking is that Prince Chun is wise enough to consult with foreigners; but of course no one can tell how potent the ultra-conservative interests about the Prince Regent will be. So far from being a monarchy China is ruled by the people perhaps as no other country. There is so much to admire about the industry, simple form of government, the friendliness of the people, and the reasonableness which is used to settle a difficulty in preference to force, that it is not strange that observers are sometimes carried away and see no faults in your people. But of course the end of civilization is to make the most of every man in the State and this has not been done in China. Even the coolies in the street are full of power which a general education would bring out. It is impressive to think that there are inventors, poets, and captains of industry and leaders of thought hidden away in the throng of coolies. Carlyle said, "It is a tragedy when one man is shut out from his full development"; for that reason the four hundred millions of China are a call to every man who glories in the fullest possible attainment for men. He rejoiced in the pleasant relations between the United States and China. No country had sent so many educators among the Chinese. He wished to encourage the going to America by young men of good educational foundation, especially those trained in Queen's College, the Diocesan School, etc. There is a hearty welcome for them; Americans are interested in such guests and the results of 40 years have shown that large futures await such young men on their return to China. Many of these before me are personally acquainted with Mr Taft and know his kindly feeling and warm desire to continue the most friendly relations. While the Chinese massed in their own colonies in the large cities in the United States gave rise to some undesirable conditions, in the smaller communities where there are a half a dozen or a dozen Chinese, they conduct themselves without reproach, they enjoy the confidence of the bankers, the church people interest themselves in them, their children go to the public schools. The Colony has done a notable service in teaching influential Chinese what good government should be. This is shown by the fact that the Chinese like to live here. They take to the mainland ideas in government; Canton not only has officials trained in Hongkong, but that capital increasingly reflects the influence of the honesty, promptness, and efficiency of British methods. (Applause.) In conclusion Mr Wilder said that when he returned to America he would remember the members of the Club to President Taft. He then presented a small autograph photo of the new President to the Club, and promised to endeavour to obtain an enlarged photograph containing Mr Taft's autograph.

Mr Sin Tak Fan, the president, thanked Dr Wilder for his unexpected present.

Mr Ho Fook proposed the health of Mr Fuller, which was also duly honoured and suitably responded to.

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The three highest scores were:—

Mrs. Rissland	31
Miss F. Hoffmann	28
Miss Seth	28

Other scores were:—

Miss Hooper	27
Miss Rowe	27
Mrs. Shellim	25
Miss Chapman	25
Mrs. Bailey	24
Mrs. Ormiston	24
Mrs. Gompertz	24
Mrs. Worthington	23
Mrs. Murray	23
Miss Nicholson	22
Miss M. Loureiro	22
Mrs. Bayard	21
Mrs. Scott Hanton	21
Miss Wilkinson	20

75 YARDS (HANDICAP).

The three highest scores were:—

	Score	H'cap	Tot
Mrs Murray	23	10	33
Mrs Talley	29	3	32
Mrs Rissland	29	3	32

Other scores were:—

Miss Chapman	27	4	31
Mrs Chapman	19	12	31
Mrs Bayard	22	8	30
Mrs Ormiston	24	5	29
Miss Seth	26	3	29
Miss Hooper	26	3	29
Miss F. Hoffmann	24	4	28
Miss Rowe	23	5	27
Miss Nicholson	23	4	27
Miss M. Loureiro	27	scr.	27
Mrs Gompertz	23	3	26
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LONDON & ANTWERP, VIA S'PORE, PENG, CL'BO, PORT SAID & MARSEILLES	PALMA, Capt. G. W. COCKMAN, R.N.R.	About 21st April.	Freight only.
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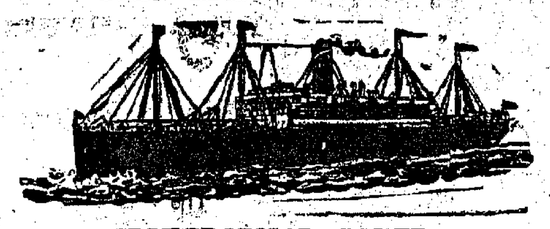
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* MANCHURIA	27,000	TUESDAY,	18th May, at Noon.
† CHIYO MARU	21,000	SATURDAY,	22nd May, at Noon.
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DESTINATIONS.	STEAMERS.	SAILING DATES 1909.
MARSEILLES, LONDON AND ANTWERP, Via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO AND PORT SAID	KANAGAWA MARU, Capt. J. Nagao, Tons 6162	WEDNESDAY, 28th April, at Daylight.
	HAKATA MARU, Capt. T. Murai, Tons 6161	WEDNESDAY, 12th May, at Daylight.
VICTORIA, B.C., AND SEATTLE, Via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, YOKKAICHI AND YOKOHAMA	§ AKI MARU, Capt. E. Sato, Tons 6444	TUESDAY, 27th April, at Noon.
	§ CEYLON MARU, Capt. Fred. Pyne, Tons 5063	TUESDAY, 11th May, at Noon.
SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE, Via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE AND BRISBANE.	KUMANO MARU, Capt. N. Mathieson, Tons 5076	FRIDAY, 16th April, at Noon.
	YAWATA MARU, Capt. T. Sekine, Tons 3617	FRIDAY, 14th May at Noon.
SHANGHAI, MOJI AND YOKOHAMA	‡ KAGESHIMA MARU, Capt. T. Arakawa, Tons 4687	FRIDAY, 16th April, a.m.
KOBE AND YOKOHAMA	WAKASA MARU, Capt. N. Nielsen, Tons 6265	SATURDAY, 17th April
	HIRANO MARU, Capt. H. Fraser, Tons 9000	SATURDAY, 22nd April, p.m.
BOMBAY, VIA SINGAPORE AND COLOMBO.	YETOROFU MARU, Capt. Soyeda. Tons 3949	SUNDAY, 25th April.
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HOIHOW.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

HOIHOW, April 8.

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* TIENTSIN, Via SWATOW, TSINGTAU, WEIHAIWEI, & CHEFOO	CHIPSHING	WEDNESDAY,	April 21, at Noon.
* MANILA	YUENSANG	FRIDAY,	April 23, at 4 P.M.
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SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

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CHINKIANG	HANYANG	April	16, Daylight.
TIENTSIN	HUICHOW	April	17, at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI	ANHUI	April	18, Daylight.
MANILA	TSIN	April	20, at 3 p.m.
CHEFOO & NEWCHWANG	NANCHANG	April	20, at 4 p.m.
SWATOW, WEI HAI-WEI, TSINGTAU	KUICHOW	April	21, at 4 p.m.
TIENTSIN			
[illegible] O	SUNGKIANG	April	22, at 4 p.m.
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FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL. 1909
NAPLES, GENOA, ALGIERS, GIBRALTAR, SOUTHAMPTON, ANTWERP & HAMBURG	GOEBEN, Capt. B. Wilhelmi.	WEDNESDAY, 21st April, at Noon.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA	DERFFLINGER, Capt. G. Meinert.	About WEDNESDAY, 21st April.
MANILA, YAP, NEWGUINEA, BRISBANE, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE	PRINZ SIGISMUND, Capt. D. Lenz	THURSDAY, 22nd April at 5 p.m.
KUDAT AND SANDAKAN	BORNEO, Capt. F. Sembill.	Beginning of May.

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	Noon Sat'day 1909		tons	Saturday, 1909	Saturday, 1909
DEVANHA ...8000	April 17	MONGOLIA ...10000		May 15	May 23
ASSAYE.....7500	May 1	MARMORA ...10500		May 29	June 4
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OCEANA 7000	May 29	VICTORIA 6500		June 27	July 3
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PALMA	8000	April	21	June	6
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MAIL SCHEDULE.

(SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION).

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RUBI	2540	R. W. Almond..	Manila	SATURDAY, April 17, at Noon.
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INDRAMAYO	Friday, 30th April, 1909.

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Hongkong, March 19, 1909. 36

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Steamship	For	Leaving
HAIYANG ..... Capt. A. E. Hodgins	SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.	FRIDAY, 16th April, at Noon.
HAIMUN ..... Capt. J. W. Evans	SWATOW.	SUNDAY, 18th April, at 10 a.m.
HAICHING ..... Captain Passmore,	SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.	TUESDAY, 20th April, at Noon.

For the convenience of Passengers, Steamers will arrive at, and depart from, the Company's Wharf (near Blake Pier).

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Hongkong, November 17, 1908. 1556

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REGULAR THREE-WEEKLY SERVICE BETWEEN

JAVA, CHINA AND JAPAN.

Steamer	From	Expected on or about	Will leave for	On or about
TJILATJAP...	JAPAN	Second half of April.	JAVA	Second half of April.
TJILIWONG..	JAPAN	First half of April.	JAVA	Do.
TJIPANAS ...	JAPAN	Second half of April.	JAVA	Do.
TJIKINI.....	JAPAN	First half of May.	JAVA	First half of May.
TJIBODAS ...	JAVA	Do.	JAPAN	Do.
TJIMAHI	JAVA	Do.	SHANGHAI	Do.

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Hongkong, March 27, 1909. 456

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Taking Cargo on through Bills of Lading to all ports in the United Kingdom and the Continent.
THE Steamship GLAMORGANSHIRE, will be despatched as above on or about 20th April.
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Hongkong, April 3, 1909. 513

'SHIRE' LINE OF STEAMERS, LD.

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THE Steamship MONMOUTHSHIRE, Captain G. A. WARNER, R.N.R., will be despatched as above on or about 8th May.
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Hongkong, April 6, 1909. 475

HONGKONG AVERAGE MARKET PRICES.

Corrected to Saturday, April 10th, 1909.
At 100 cents per Dollar Mexican.

Butcher Meat 肉食

		cts.	
Beef sirloin & prime cut—Mei Lung Pa	lb	20	扒龍尾肉
,, Corned—Ham Ngau Yuk	,,	20	鹹牛肉
,, Roast,—Shiu ,,	,,	20	燒牛肉
,, Breast,—Ngau Lam ,,	,,	18	牛腩
,, Soup—Tong Yuk	,,	15	湯肉
,, Steak,—Ngau Yuk Pa	,,	20	牛肉紮
,, Cutom Ngau Lau Sirloin	,,	30	牛腰
,, Sausages,—Ngau Chaung	,,	26	牛腸
Bullock's Brains,—Siow	per set	10	牛腦
,, Tongue fresh,—Ngau Sit	each	60	牛脯
,, ,, corned—Ham Ngau Yu	,,	60	鹹牛脯
,, Head,—Ngau Tau	,,	60	牛頭
,, Heart,—Ngau Sum	lb.	13	牛心
,, Hump, Salt—Ngau Kiu	,,	18	牛肩
,, Feet,—Ngau Kerk	each	8	牛脚
,, Kidneys,—Ngau Yiu	,,	10	牛腰
,, Tail—Ngau Mei	,,	18	牛尾
,, Liver,—Ngau Con	lb.	12	牛肝
,, Tripe (undressed)—Ngau To	,,	6	牛肚
Calves Head & Feet—Ngau-chai-tau-kak,	set	$1.00	牛仔頭腳骨
Mutton Chop,—Yeung Pai Kwat	lb.	22	羊扒
,, Leg,—Yeung Pei	,,	22	羊比
,, Shoulder,—Yeung Shau	,,	20	羊手
Pigs' Chittlings—Chi chong	,,	22	猪腸
,, Brains—Chi Know per set	,,	2	猪腦
,, Feet,—Ch Kerk	,,	11	猪脚
,, Fry,—Chi Chak	,,	25	猪雜
,, Head,—Chi Tau	,,	16	猪頭
,, Heart,—Chi Sum	each	8	猪心
,, Kidneys,—Chi Yiu	,,	7	猪腰
,, Liver,—Chi Con	lb.	24	猪肝
Pork, Chop,—Chi Pai Kwat	,,	18	猪排骨
,, Corned,—Ham Chu Yuk	,,	—	鹹猪肉
,, Leg,—Chu Pei	,,	23	猪比
,, Fat or Lard,—Chu Yau	,,	17	猪油
Sheeps' Head and Feet,—Yeung Tau Kerk set		50	羊頭脚
,, Heart,—Yeung Sum	each	6	羊心
,, Kidneys,—Yeung Yiu	,,	9	羊腰
,, Liver,—Yeung Con	lb.	24	羊肝
Sucking Pigs, To Order—Chu Chai	,,	22	猪仔
Suet, Beef,—Sang Ngau Yau	,,	20	生牛油
,, Mutton,—Sang Yeung Yau	,,	22	生羊油
Veal,—Ngau Chai Yuk	,,	20	牛仔肉
,, Sausages,—Ngau Chai Cheong	,,	20	牛仔腸

Poultry. 生口

		cts.	
Chicken,—Kai Chai	lb	32	雞仔
Capons, Large, Small,—Sin Kai	,,	30	雞乸
Ducks,—Ap	,,	24	鴨
Doves,—Pan Kau	each	18	燒班鳩
Eggs, Hen—Kai Tan	per dozen	20	雞蛋
Fowls, Canton,—Kai	lb.	34	雞
,, Hainan,—Hoi Nam Kai	,,	30	海南雞
Geese,—Ngoi	,,	20	鵝
Geese, Wild Sh'ai,—S'ha Yee Ngoi,	pair	—	上海野鵝
Musk Deer,—Wong Keng	each	—	黃麖仔
Hare, Shanghai,—Tu Chai	,,	—	鵪鶉
Partridge,—Che Kau	,,	—	山鷓
Pheasant,—Shan Kai	pair	—	白鴿
Pigeons, Canton,—Pak Kup	each	34	海口白鴿
,, Hothow,—Hoi How Pak Kap	,,	30	禾花雀
Quail,—Um-Chun	,,	26	沙雞
Rice Birds,—Wo Fa Cheuk	dozen	—	火公鷄
Snipe,—Sa Choy	each	25	火鷄
Turkeys Cock—Fhor Kai Kung		75	上海水鴨仔
,, Hen,—Na		55	省城水鴨
Wild Ducks, S'hai,—Shanghai Sui ap	pair	—	
Teal,—Sui Ap Chai		32	
Wild Ducks Canton—Sang Shiu Sui Ap	,,	$1.40	

Fish. 海鮮

Barbel,—Ka Yu	,,	9	加魚
Bream,—Bin Yu	,,	14	鯿魚
Canton Fresh Water Fish,—Hoi Sin Yu	,,	14	海鮮魚
Carp,—Li Yu	,,	18	鯉魚
Catfish,—Chik Yu	,,	11	赤鱲魚
Codfish,—Mun Yu	,,	14	鱈魚
Crabs,—Hai	,,	18	蟹
Cuttle Fish,—Muk Yu	,,	14	魚
Dab,—Sa Mang Yu	,,	15	魚
Dace,—Wong Mei Lun	,,	10	魚
Dog Fish—Tit Tu Sa	,,	8	魚
Eels, Congou,—Hai Maan	,,	16	鰻魚
,, Fresh water,—Tam Sin Yu	,,	14	淡水鰻
Eels, Yellow,—Wong Sin	,,	24	黃鱔
Frogs,—Tien Kai	,,	28	田雞
Garoupa,—Sek Pan	,,	52	石班
Gudgeon,—Pak Kap Yu	,,	12	白鴿魚
Herrings,—Tao Fai	,,	18	青白將軍甲魚
Halibut,—Cheung Kwan Hu	,,	28	黃花魚
Labrus,—Wong Fa Yu	,,	16	烏魚
Mackerel,—Chi Yu	,,	28	鰂魚
Lobsters,—Lung Ha	,,	22	龍蝦
Mullet,—Chai Yu	,,	13	飽魚
Monk Fish,—Mong Yu	,,	28	芒魚
Oysters,—Sang Hoo	,,	20	蠔
Paw-otish,—Kai Kung Yu	,,	16	雞公魚
Perch,—Tsit Loo	,,	8	鱸魚
Pike,—Fa Paw Poong	,,	16	花鱓
Plaice,—Pan Yu	,,	18	扁魚
Pomfret, Black,—Hak Chang	,,	28	烏鯧
Pomfret, White,—Pak Chang	,,	28	白鯧
Prawns,—Hai Ha	,,	42	蝦
Ray,—Sa Fa	,,	8	沙魚
Rock Fish,—Sha Kap Yung	,,	16	石斑公
Shark,—Sa Yu	,,	20	鯊魚
Salmon,—Ma Yau Yu	lbs	22	馬交魚
Shark,—Sa Yu	,,	9	鯊魚
Skate,—Po Yu	,,	10	鱙魚
Shrimps,—Ha	,,	28	蝦
napper,—Lap Yu	,,	12	鯉魚
Soles,—Tat Sa Yu	,,	24	龍脷
Tench,—Wan Yu	,,	18	鯇魚
Turbot,—Cho How Yu	,,	22	左口魚
Turtles, small, fresh water,—Hork Yu	,,	58	脚魚
White Bait.—Ngan Yo Chai	,,	—	銀魚仔

Fruits 菓子

		cts.	
Almonds,—Hung Yan	lb.	30	杏仁
Apples (California)—Kam San Ping Kho	,,	20	金山平果
,, (Chefoo)—Tin Chun Ping Kho	,,	—	天津平果
,, Small,—Hoi Tong	,,	—	海棠果
,, Custard,—Fan Lai Chi	each	—	番荔枝
Bananas, fragrant, Canton,—San Shing Heung Chiu	lb	3	省城香蕉
Bananas, (brides), Macao—San Heung Chiu	,,	4	山香蕉
Chestnuts, Chinese,—Foong Lut	,,	10	風栗
Carambola,—Yeung Tue	,,	—	楊桃
Cocoanuts,—Yeh Tse	each	10	椰子
Lemons, China—Ning Moong	lb	7	檸檬
,, America—Kum San Ning Moon	,,	5	金山檸檬
Lichees Dried—Lai Chi Small Stone	,,	30	荔枝
,, Fresh—	,,	—	
Limes, (Saigon)—Sai Kung Ning Moong	,,	8	西貢檸檬
Mango, Manila—Lai Sung Mong		—	呂宋芒子
Mangosteens,—San Chuk Tse ...per		—	山竹子
Oranges, (Canton)—San Shing Tim Chang	lb	8	省城甜橙
Oranges Sweet		14	甜橙
Oats, (American),—Kam San Sang Mai	lb	12	金山麥
,, (Canton), Cooking.—Sa Mi	,,	—	沙梨
Peanuts,—Fa Sang	,,	12	花生
Persimmons large,—Hung Chie	,,	—	紅柿
Pine-apples, 1st quality,—Sheung Poon Ti Paw Law	each	—	本地菠蘿
,, 2nd do.—Chung tong ,, law	,,	—	中等菠蘿
Plantains,—Tai Chew		3	大蕉
Plums,—Swatow Hung Li	each	18	紅梨
Pumelo, Siam,—Chim Lo Yau	lb	—	暹羅柚
Shanghai.—Lo Kwab	,,	12	上海萝卜
Walnuts,—Hop Tao	,,	—	合桃
,, Green,—Sang Hop Tao	,,	3	生合桃
Water Melon—(Am.) Kum san Sai Kwa	,,	—	金山西瓜
,, (China) Sai Kwa	,,	—	西瓜
Grape.—Sang Po Tai Tse	,,	—	生葡提子

Vegetables, &c 菜蔬

Artichokes, Shanghai.—Sheung Hai Ah Chi Choak	,,	7	上海洋薑
Beans, (French), Macao,—Oh Moon Pin Tau	,,	10	澳門邊豆
,, (French), Shanghai,—Sheung Hai Pin Tau	,,	—	上海邊豆
,, Sprout,—Ah Choi	,,	2	芽菜
,, Long.—Tau Kok	,,	—	豆角
Beet Root,—Hung Choi Tau	each	2	紅菜頭
Brinjals, Green,—Ching Yuen Fau	lb	5	青元茄
,, Red.—Hung Ker	,,	5	紅茄
Cabbage, Chinese, com.,—Kai Choy	,,	5	芥菜
Cabbage Red.—Hung Yea Choy	,,	10	紅椰菜
Cabbage, (Shanghai,—Yeh Choi	,,	8	椰菜
Cane Shoots, bunch,—Kau Shun	,,	5	蘆笋
Cauliflower, Large size.—Tai Yak Choi-fa	each	—	大椰菜花
,, Medium size,—Cheung Yeh Choi fa	,,	—	中椰菜花
,, Small size.—Sai Yeh Choi Fa	,,	—	細椰菜花
Carrots,—Kam Shun	lb	5	金笋
Celery, Chinese,—Tong Kan Choi	,,	4	唐芹菜
,, English,—Yeung ,,	,,	4	洋芹菜
Chilies Dried,—Con Lat Chiu	,,	40	乾辣椒
,, Red.—Hung Fa	,,	40	紅花椒
,, Green,—Ching Lat Chiu	,,	40	青辣椒
Curry Stuff, English,—Ka Lee Cho Liu	,,	8	加厘材料
Cucumbers.—Ching Kwa		5	青瓜
Bitter Squash,—Fu Kwa	,,	15	苦瓜
Garlic,—Suen Tau	,,	—	蒜頭
Ginger, young,—San Tau Keung	,,	12	新子薑
,, old,—Lo Keung	,,	8	老薑
Horse Radish, S'hai.—Lik Kan	,,	10	辣根
Indian Corn,—Suk Mai	piece	—	粟米
Lettuce,—Yeung Sang Choi	each	1	洋生菜
Water Chesnuts,—Ma Tai	lb.	6	馬蹄
,, Mandarin,—Kwei Lum Ma Tai	,,	6	桂林馬蹄
Mushrooms, Fresh—Sang Cho Kho	,,	—	生草菇
Musk Melon—(Amr. Kan San Hong Kwa	each	—	金山香瓜
Okroes,	lb.	—	
Onions, Bombay,—Yeung Chong Tau	,,	7	洋蔥頭
,, Green,—Sang Chung	,,	5	生蔥
,, Shanghai,—Sheung Hai Chung Tau	,,	—	上海蔥
Papaw, 1st qual.—Tai Mai San Kwa	each	13	大萬壽果
,, 2nd ,, Chung ,, ,,	,,	—	中萬壽果
Parsley,—Kan Cho	per lb	10	芹菜
Green Peas,—Ching Tau	,,	8	青豆
Potatoes, Sweet,—Fan Shu	,,	8	番薯
,, Shanghai,—Sheung Hai Shu Tai	,,	8	上海番仔
,, Japan,—Yut Poon Shu Tai	,,	—	日本番仔
,, American,—Fa Ki	,,	—	花旗番仔
,, Foochow,—Fuk Chau Shu Tai	,,	—	福洲番仔
Pumpkin,—Tung Kowa	,,	5	冬瓜
Radish,—Hung Lo Pak Tau	,,	4	紅蘿蔔仔
Rhubarb (Fresh)—Tai Wong	,,	—	大黃
Sage.—(Chi Sa	bund	—	鼠尾草
Shalots,—Cong Chung Tau	lb.	8	葱頭
Spinach,—Yu Choi	,,	5	菠菜
Tomatoes,—Fan Kee	,,	8	番茄
Taro,—Wu Tau	,,	7	芋頭
Turnips, Pust, (Keng),—Low Pak	,,	8	蘿蔔
,, English,—Yeung Low Pak tau	,,	8	洋蘿蔔
Vegetable Marrow,—Chi Kwa	,,	10	節瓜
,, (Am.)—Kuan San Chih Kwa	,,	—	金山節瓜
Walnut Oranges,—Sai Yeung Chai	,,	8	西洋仔
,, Lily root.—Lin Ngau	,,	7	蓮藕
Yams,—Tu Sin	,,	6	大薯

The Prices represented in this Table are the most and least that ruled during the week, and do not necessarily represent the prices at which small quantities were sold.

A. HIRSCH, *Secretary, Hongkong Market Committee.*

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued from the Hongkong Observatory:—

On the 15th at 11.30 a.m.—The barometer has fallen quickly in Japan, and risen rapidly over N. China and the E. coast.

The depression which crossed the Yellow Sea yesterday, is this morning moving towards N.E. in the S. part of the Sea of Japan.

An area of high pressure now occupies N. China and gradients are rather steep over S. China.

The winds will shift to the N.E. and blow strongly in the Formosa Channel and along the northern shores of the China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-morrow:—

1.—Hongkong and Neighbourhood: N.E. winds, strong; fair to squally with rain.

2.—Formosa Channel; N.E. winds, strong to a gale.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamocks: Same as No. 1.

4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan: Same as No. 1.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Glamorganshire* reports:—April 13, at 8 p.m., spoke H.M.S. *King Alfred*, from Shanghai, bound North, off Heishan Islands.

To-day's Advertisements

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

PROBATE JURISDICTION.

In the Goods of HERMANN FERDINAND BENEKE otherwise HERBERT ROSE late of Tamsui in North Formosa, Merchant, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has this day by virtue of Section 58 of Ordinance No. 2 of 1897, (Probate Ordinance, 1897) made an Order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their Claims against the above Estate to the 31st day of May, 1909.

All creditors and other persons having claims against the above Estate are hereby required to send particulars of the same to the Undersigned before that date.

Dated this 3rd day of April, 1909.

JOHNSON, STOKES & MASTER,
No. 8, Des Voeux Road Central,
Hongkong,
521 *Solicitors for the Administrator.*

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Hongkong, February 27, 1908. 23

FROM EUROPE.

THE H.A.L. Steamship SILESIA, Captain VON HOFF, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Undersigned and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before To-DAY.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed at consignees' risks into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 22nd April, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 21st April, at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE,
Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, April 15, 1909. 523

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S STEAMER *ASSAYE.*

FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above named Vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed *at their risk* in the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY'S Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This Vessel brings on Cargo:—
From LONDON, &c. ex s.s. *India.*
From AUSTRALIA, ex s.s. *Moldavia.*
From CALCUTTA, ex s.s. *Japan.*
From PERSIAN GULF, ex B.I.S.N. and B. & P.S.N. Co.'s steamers.

Optional goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 8 Hours.

Goods not cleared by the 21st April, at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Co.'s representative at an appointed hour. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, April 15, 1909. 520

To-day's Advertisements

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HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Members of the HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER of COMMERCE will be held on FRIDAY, the 23rd April, 1909, at 4 P.M., in the CITY HALL, for the following purposes:—

1. To receive the Report and Accounts of the Committee for the year ending 31st December, 1908.
2. To elect a New Committee.
3. To transact any general business.

By Order,
E. A. M. WILLIAMS,
Secretary.

Hongkong, April 15, 1909. 522

'BEN' LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP *BENAVON.*

FROM ANTWERP, MIDDLESBRO' AND LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous GODOWNS of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF and GODOWN Co., LIMITED, whence and or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 22nd April will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 29th April, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 22nd inst., at 11 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, April 15, 1909. 519

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM MIDDLESBOROUGH, ANTWERP, LONDON, COLOMBO AND SINGAPORE.

The Co.'s Steamship *Wakasa Maru*, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY'S GODOWNS at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Goods not cleared before the 22nd inst., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Co.'s representatives at an appointed hour. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, April 15, 1909. 518

VESSELS AT THE DOCKS.

At Kowloon.—Tsinan, Chowfa.

Cosmopolitan.—Tjiliwong.

Aberdeen.—

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

Mails will Close:—

For SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.
Per *Haiyang*, at 11 a.m., on Friday, the 16th April.

For MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, ADELAIDE, PERTH, HOBART, LAUNCESTON, DUNEDIN, NEW ZEALAND & FREMANTLE.
Per *Kumano Maru*, at 11 a.m., on Friday, the 16th April.

For MACAO.—
Per *Sui Tai*, at 1.15 p.m., on Friday, the 16th April.

For MANILA.—
Per *Loongsang*, at 3 p.m., on Friday, the 16th April.

For TAKAO.
Per *Bandai Maru*, at 4 p.m., on Friday, the 16th April.

For SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA.—
Per *Catherine Apcar*, at 10 a.m., on Saturday, the 17th April.

For MANILA.—
Per *Rubi*, at 10 a.m., on Saturday, the 17th April.

For TIENTSIN.
Per *Huichow*, at 3 p.m., on Saturday, the 17th April.

For SHANGHAI.
Per *Anhui*, at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the 17th April.

For SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE & MOJI.—
Per *Namsang*, at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the 17th April.

For SWATOW.—
Per *Haimun*, at 9 a.m., on Sunday, the 18th April.

For SWATOW, AMOY & TAMSUI.
Per *Daijin Maru*, at 9a.m., on Sunday, the 18th April.

For BATAVIA, CHERIBON, SAMARANG, SOURABAYA & MACASSAR.
Per *Tjiliwong*, at 3 p.m., on Monday, the 19th April.

MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET.—
The British Contract Packet *Devanha* will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 17th April, with Mails for the United Kingdom, the Continent of Europe, and countries beyond, *via Brindisi*; to the Straits Settlements, Netherlands India, Burmah, Ceylon, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

Printed Matter and Samples at 10 a.m.

Registration at 10 a.m.

Registration, with late fee of 10 cents, up to 10.45 a.m.

Registration, Kowloon B.O., 10 a.m. No late fee.

Letters at 11 a.m.

Late Letters 11 a.m. to noon. Extra Postage 10 cents.

Supplementary Mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail. Extra Postage 10 cents.)

(Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.)

Per Parcel mail will be closed at 5 p.m., on Friday, the 16th April.

BALTIMORE HOTEL.

Mr Districh	Inspector and Mrs MacDonald
Mr W. Dinng	Master A. MacDonald
Mr E. Flood	Master C. M. MacDonald
Mr E. Mow Fung	Mr Joe Michel
Mr Philip H. Going	Mr T. E. Mundey
Mr Robert Gray	Mr M. Redpsing and two servants
Mr J. E. Hacking	Mr G. E. Ross
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Hongkong, February 23, 1909.

SHIPPING

ARRIVALS.

April 14.

Kagoshima Maru, Japanese str., 3,372, T. Arakawa, Bombay and Singapore April 7, General.—NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

April 15.

Assaye, British str., 4,358, Owen Jones, R.N.R., Bombay March 30, and Singapore April 10, Mails and General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

Wakasa Maru, Japanese str., 3,894, N. Nielsen, London and Singapore April 10, General.—NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Glamorganshire, British str., 3,686, H. C. Morris, Japan, Dalny and Shanghai April 12, General.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LD.

China, Austrian steamer, 3,868, G. Berguglian, Trieste Feb. 27 and Singapore April 9, General.—SANDER, WIELER & Co.

Daijin Maru, Japanese steamer, 899, Y. Kaburaki, Tamsui, via Amoy and Swatow April 14, General.—OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA.

Kutchow, British str., 1,215, G. Hooker, Chefoo April 6, and Weihaiwei 8, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Benvoon, British str., 2,549, Thompson, London March 3, and Singapore April 9, General.—GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Wong-koi, German steamer, 1,115, W. Reher, Bangkok April 6, Rice.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Telemachus, British str., 1,340, Edwards, Saigon April 10, Rice.—CHINESE.

Silesia, German steamer, 2,777, von Hoff, Hamburg and Singapore April 9, General.—HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.

Nanchang, British steamer, 1,044, G. J. Spink, Newchwang April 8, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Landrat Scheiff, German str., from Canton.

Standard, Norwegian str., from Canton.

Szechuen, British str., from Canton.

DEPARTURES.

April 15.

Kumeric, for Japan and Seattle.
Jacob Diederichsen, for Hoihow.
Anhui, for Canton.
Kaifong, for Cebu.
Hoi-hee, for Amoy.
Kowloon, for Chinkiang.
Shantung, for Hongay.
Ischia, for Singapore and Bombay.
Kagoshima Maru, for Shanghai.
Glenfarg, for Hankow.

CLEARED.

Helios, for Haiphong.
Hanyang, for Chinkiang.
Linan, for Shanghai.
Hinsang, for Swatow.
Szechuen, for Shanghai.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per *Assaye*, for Hongkong: from London, Misses Clark (2), and Dr P. L. Craig; from Marseilles, Mr and Mrs J. Clark, Capt. Learmouth, Messrs J. J. Kennedy and P. Y. Rutterfield; from Bombay, General Slaughter, and Mr W. L. B. Souter; from Colombo, Mr J. Wardrop, Mr Rober Skelton, and Major Kirkpatrick; from Penang, Mr J. Pioneer; from Singapore, Messrs G. D. Latemer, H. C. Sidderley, W. A. Walegrove, E. B. Davis, A. E. Swan, Mr W. Herow, and 2 Misses M. J. Herow. For Shanghai: from London Mr R. L. Atkinson; from Bombay, Mr C. Kennedy; from Colombo, Mr J. Tweedale, Mr L. Tweedale, Mr L. K. Seaman, Mrs G. Sealey, and Miss Sealey. For Yokohama: from London, Mrs and 2 Misses Boyle, Mr R. Hoord-Keley, and Miss Coleman; from Marseilles, Messrs D. B. Murray, G. A. Todweek, A. W. Wilkinshaw, Mrs W. Summer, Miss Coppage, and Mr W. G. Bowack; from Colombo, Miss Hamming, Mr and Mrs Brown; from Singapore, Mr Hebard.

Per *Wakasa Maru*, from London, &c., Mr Chisholm, Mrs Lane, Misses Wickers and Gove.

DEPARTED.

Per *Yawata Maru*, for Japan, Admiral Sir Harry H. Rawson, Miss Rawson, Mr N. Rawson, Sir Robert and Lady Tooth, Mr V. Lucas Tooth, Mr L. Lucas Tooth, Dr and Mrs Rose, Mr R. Gatehouse, Mr Beth Austin, Mrs Sanders and child, Miss Sanders, Mrs Buckingham, Misses Buckingham (3), Mr Buckingham, Mr Egbert, Mr Smith, Mr Buckingham, Mr and Mrs Paterson, Mr Horne, Capt. Balderstone, Mr Bradshaw, Mr and Mrs Collins, Mr and Mrs Robertson, Mrs Worp, Miss Worp, Mr and Mrs Bostock, Mrs and Miss Vearse, Miss Carr, Mr Y. R. Baxter Bruce, Mr and Mrs Stokes and child, Mr Neis, Mr Peake, Miss Robinson, Mr and Mrs R. H. Craig, Miss Craig, Misses Toorby (2), Miss Kerr, and Mr Chas. J. Anderson.

EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, April 15, 1909.

On London—
Bank Wire ... 1/8 15/16
,, On demand, ... 1/9
,, 30 days' sight ... 1/9 1/8
,, 4 months' sight ... 1/9¼
Credits, 4 months' sight, ... 1/9 ½
Documentary, 4 months' sight 1/9⅜

On Paris—
On demand, ... 220
Credits, 4 months' sight, ... 224

On Berlin—
On demand, ... 179

On New York—
On demand, ... 42⅜
Credit, 60 days' sight, ... 43½

On Bombay—
Wire, ... 131½
On demand, ... 132

On Calcutta—
Wire, ... 131½
On demand, ... 132

On Singapore—
On demand, ... 75½

On Manila—
On demand, ... 86

On Shanghai—
On demand, ... 74⅝
30 days' sight, (private paper) 75½

On Yokohama—
On demand, ... 85½

Gold Leaf, 100 fine, (per tael) ... $50
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate) $11.30
Silver (per oz.) ... 24⅛d.
Bar Silver in Hongkong ... [illegible] % p.
Chinese Copper Cash ... 1 % p.
Copper Cents ... 18 % dis.
Rate of Native Interest ... 4 % p.m.
Chinese Sub. Coin ... [illegible] % dis.
Hongkong Sub. Coin ... [illegible] % dis.

STEAMERS PASSED SUEZ CANAL.

March 16, *Kennebec*.

March 19 *Benlarig, Glaucus, Myrmidon.*

March 26, *Scandia, Kintuck, Somali, Yunnan.*

March 30. *Benarty, Hirano Maru, Canton, Oopack.*

April 2, *Hedley, Agamemnon E. F. Ferdinand, Polyphemus, Slavenia, Suevia, Moyune.*

April 6. *Wray Castle, Sado Maru, Ness, Palermo, Pathan.*

April 13, *Benclevch, Benlomond, Glenturret, Prinz Eitel Friedrich, Prometheus, Salazie, Senegambia, Poona, Touraine, Westphalia, Theseus.*

ARRIVALS AT HOME.

April 10. *Malta.*

April 13, *Aragonia, Constantia, Spreewald, Awa Maru, Silesia, (Aust).*

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

Mails.

The C. P. R. Co.'s s.s. *Empress of China* with the CANADIAN MAIL, left Shanghai on Tuesday, the 13th April, at noon, and may be expected here on or about Thursday, the 15th April, at 3 p.m.

The Imp. German Mail s.s. *Derfflinger* carrying the German Mails with dates from Berlin of the 24th March, left Colombo on Sunday, the 11th April, a.m., and may be expected here on or about Thursday, the 22nd April.

The Imp. German Mail s.s. *Manila* left Sydney on Sunday, the 8th April, and may be expected here on or about Friday, the 30th April.

The C. P. R. Co.'s s.s. *Monteagle* left Vancouver on Thursday, the 8th April, p.m. for Hongkong via the usual ports of call.

The C. P. R. Co.'s s.s. *Empress of Japan* arrived at Shanghai at 4 a.m. on Tuesday, the 13th April, and left again at 4 p.m. on the same day for Nagasaki, where she is due to arrive at 6 a.m. on Thursday, the 15th April.

Expected.

The Glen Line s.s. *Glenlochy* left Singapore on the 10th April, and may be expected to arrive here on the 16th April.

The C. N. Co's s.s. *Sungkiang* left Iloilo on the 13th April, and is due here on the 17th April.

The N. Y. K. s.s. *Aki Maru* (American Line) left Kobe for this port via Moji and Shanghai on the 9th April, and is expected here on the 18th April.

The s.s. *Waglinde* left Singapore for this port on the morning of 13th April, and may be expected here on or about the 18th April.

The Indo-China S. N. Co.'s s.s. *Kumsang* left Calcutta for this port via the Straits on the 6th April, and may be expected here on or about the 22nd April.

The G. N. s.s. *Minnesota* arrived at Yokohama on Sunday April 4; she left Yokohama on the 7th April for Hongkong, via Kobe, Nagasaki, Shanghai and Manila, and may be expected here on or about 24th April.

The N. Y. K. s.s. *Mayori Maru* (Bombay Line) left Bombay for this port via Singapore on the 8th April and is expected here on the 27th April.

The Indo-China S. N. Co's s.s. *Namsang* from Calcutta and the Straits, left Singapore for this port on the 8th April.

The C. N. Co.'s s.s. *Taiyuan* left Sydney on April 3rd, and is due here on April 26th.

The Ben Line steamer *Benavon* from Middlesbro, Antwerp and London, left Singapore on 9th April for this port.

The Bank Line Ld.'s s.s. *Suveric* left the Sound on the 10th April for Hongkong via Japan ports and Manila.

Latest Advices.

The s.s. *Aldenham* left Sydney on 14th April via Queensland Ports, Port Darwin, Timor, and Manila.

The T. K. K. s.s. *Nippon Maru* with the AMERICAN MAIL, is due to arrive here on Friday, the 16th April, at 10 a.m.

The Java-China Japan Lijn str. *Tjibodjap* left Kuchinotzu via Amoy for this port on the 12th April, and may be expected here on or about the 19th April.

The P. & A. Co.'s s.s. *Arabia* which left Kobe on 13th April, is due to arrive at this port on 22nd April, and will be despatched from here on or about April 29th for Portland via Japan Ports.

VISITORS AT HOTELS.

HONGKONG HOTEL.

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Mrs Keckhoven and child	Mr R. Taylor
	Mr A. Uschmann

Vessels Advertised as Loading.

DESTINATION.	VESSELS.	AGENTS.	DATE OF LEAVING.
Australian Ports	Eastern (s)	Gibb Livingston & Co.	Apr. 28, at noon.
Boston & New York	Dacre Castle (s)	Dodwell & Co. Limited	About Apr. 30.
Cebu & Iloilo	Kaifong (s)	Butterfield & Swire	Apr. 15, Daylight.
Coast Ports & Shanghai	Choshun Maru (s)	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	Apr. 20, at 9 a.m.
Chinkiang	Hanyang (s)	Butterfield & Swire	Apr. 16, Daylight.
Europe, &c.	Goeben (s)	Melchers & Co.	Apr. 21, at Noon.
Fiume, Trieste, &c.	Austria (s)	Sander, Wieler & Co.	April 27.
Genoa, Mar., L'don, &c	Miyasaki Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	About May 5.
Japan & Portland, Or.	Arabia (s)	Portland & A. S. Co.	About Apr. 29.
Java	Tjiliwong (s)	Java-China-Japan Lijn	2nd half April.
Kobe and Yokohama	Wakasa Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Apr. 17. Daylight.
London, &c.	Devanha (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Apr. 17. at Noon.
Havre, B'men & H'burg	Ambria (s)	Hamburg-Am'ka Linie	April 20.
Marseilles, London &c.	Kanagawa Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Apr. 28, Daylight.
Mar., L'don, A'erp, &c	Palma (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About Apr. 21.
Mar., London & A'werp	Glamorganshire (s)	Jardine, M'son & Co, Ld	About April 20.
Marseilles, v. Saigon	Ernest Simons (s)	Messageries Maritimes	Apr. 27, at 1 p.m.
Manila	Loongsang (s)	Jardine, M'son & Co, Ld	Apr. 16, at 4 p.m.
Manila	Rubi (s)	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	Apr. 17 at Noon.
Manila	Tean (s)	Butterfield & Swire	Apr. 20 at 3 p.m.
Manila, A'lian Ports	Kumano Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Apr 16, at noon.
Manila, A'lian Ports	Prinz Sigismund (s)	Melchers & Co.	Apr. 22, at 5 p.m.
Manila, A'lian Ports	Taiyuan (s)	Butterfield & Swire	May 14, at 4 p.m.
N'saki, Kobe & Y'hama	Nikko Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	May 12, at Noon.
New York, v. Suez Canal	Indramayo (s)	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	About Apr. 30.
R'terdam & Hamburg	Nicomedia (s)	Hamburg-Am'ka Linie	April 28.
San F'cisco via Japan	Nippon Maru (s)	Toyo Kisen Kaisha	April 24, at Noon.
San Francisco v. Japan	Siberia (s)	Pacific Mail S.S. Co.	May 4, at Noon.
San Francisco v. Japan	China (s)	Pacific Mail S.S. Co.	May 11, at Noon.
San Francisco v. Japan	Manchuria (s)	Pacific Mail S.S. Co.	May 18, at Noon.
Seattle, v. S'hai, Japan	Minnesota (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	May 6, at Noon.
S'hai, Kobe & Y'hama	Oceanien (s)	Messageries Maritimes	About Apr. 26.
S'hai, Kobe & Y'hama	Scandia (s)	Hamburg-Am'ka Linie	April 27.
S'hai, Kobe & Y'hama	China (s)	Sander, Wieler & Co.	Apr. 17. p.m.
S'tow, Amoy & Tamsui	Daigin Maru (s)	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	Apr. 18, at 10 a.m.
Shanghai	Tjipanas (s)	Java-China-Japan Lijn	1st half April.
Shanghai	Chunsang (s)	Jardine, M'son & Co, Ld	Apr. 20, at Noon.
Shanghai	Linan (s)	Butterfield & Swire	April 15, at 4 p.m.
Shanghai	Anhui (s)	Butterfield & Swire	Apr. 18 Daylight.
Shanghai	Assaye (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	April 15.
Shanghai, Moji & Kobe	Kagoshima Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	April 16, a.m.
S'hai, N'ki, Kobe, Y'ma	Derfflinger (s)	Melchers & Co.	About April 21.
S'hai, Moji, Kobe, Y'ma	Namsang (s)	Jardine, M'son & Co, Ld	Apr. 18. Daylight.
S'pore, [illegible] & Coutta	Fooksang (s)	Jardine, M'son & Co, Ld	Apr. 26, at 4 p.m.
S'tow, [illegible] T'tsin	Chipshing (s)	Jardine, M'son & Co, Ld	Apr. 21. at Noon.
Swatow	Haimun (s)	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Apr 18, at 10 a.m.
S'tow, Amoy & F'chow	Haiyang (s)	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Apr. 16, at Noon.
S'tow, Amoy & F'chow	Haiching (s)	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Apr. 20, at Noon.
South American Line	America Maru (s)	Toyo Kisen Kaisha	About Apr. 14.
Victoria, B.C., Seattle	Aki Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Apr. 27, at Noon.
Victoria, B.C., Tacoma	Aymeric (s)	Dodwell & Co. Limited	About Apr. 24.
Victoria, B.C., Tacoma	Suveric (s)	Dodwell & Co., Ld.	About June 3.
Vancouver, (B.C.), &c.	Empress of China (s)	Canadian P'fic R. Co.	May 2, at 6 a.m.
Vancouver (B.C.) &c.	Monteagle (s)	Canadian P'fic R. Co.	May 11. at Noon.
Vancouver, (B.C.), &c.	Empress of India (s)	Canadian P'fic R. Co.	May. 25, at 6 a.m.
W'wei & Tientsin	Huichow (s)	Butterfield & Swire	Apr. 17, at 4 p.m.

SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS

April 15, 1909.

Stocks.	No. of Shares.	Value.	Paid up.	Closing Quotations Cash.
BANKS.				
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Corp.	120,000	$ 125	all	$920, buyers £87
National Bank of China, Limited	99,998	£ 7	£ 6 $ 50	$51, buyers
MARINE INSURANCES.				
Canton Insurance Office Co., Ld.	10,000	$ 250	$ 50	$187½, sales
China Traders Insurance Co., Ld.	24,000	$8.33	$ 25	$90, [illegible]
North-China Insurance Co., Ld.	10,000	£ 15	£ 5	Tls. 100, buyers
Union Insurance Society, Limited	10,000	$ 250	$ 100	$845, sellers
Yangtsze Insurance Association Ld.	12,000	$ 100	$ 60	$217½, buyers
FIRE INSURANCES				
China Fire Insurance Co., Ld.	20,000	$ 100	20	$104, sellers
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co. Ld.	8,000	$ 250	50	$320, buyers
DOCKS, ETC				
H'kong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ld.	50,000	$ 50	all	$80, sales
Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited	18,000	$ 25	$ 25	$12, sellers
New Amoy Dock Co., Ltd.	10,000	$ 6¼	$ 6¼	$9½, buyers
Shanghai Dock and Eng. Co., Ld.	55,700	Tls. 100	Tls.100	Tls. 84
STEAMBOATS, TUGS, ETC.				
China and Manila S. S. Co., Ld.	30,000	$ 25	$ 25	$8, buyers
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited	50,000	$ 50	all	$35, buyers
H.K. C. and M. Steamboat Co., Ld.	80,000	$ 15	$ 15	$29½, buyers
Indo-China S. N. Company, Ltd.	60,000	£ 5	all	£6, £24, buyers
Star Ferry Company, Ld.	10,000 / 10,000	$ 10 / $ 10	$ 10 / $ 5	$23½ / $15
Shell Transport & Trading Co., Ltd.	2,000,000	£ 1	£ 1	55/ [illegible]
Taku Tug and Lighter Co., Ltd.	8,600	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 45
Shanghai Tug and Lighter Co., Ld.	200,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 50
do. Preference.	100,000			Tls. 52½
REFINERIES.				
China Sugar Company, Limited	20,000	$ 100	all	$137½, sellers
Luzon Sugar Company, Limited	7,000	$ 100	all	$17, sellers
Perak Sugar Cultivation Co., Ld.	7,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 126½, buyers
WHARVES				
H. K. & Kow. Wharf & Godown Co.	60,000	50	all	$51
Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf Co.	32,000	Tls. 100	Tls.100	Tls. 167
LAND AND BUILDING.				
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, Limited	50,000	$ 100	100	$97
Shanghai Land Investment Co., Limited	78,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 117, sales
Kowloon Land and Building Company	6,000	$ 50	$ 30	$30
Wei-hai-wei Land & Building Co.	3,671	Tls. 25	Tls. 25	Tls. 9
Humphreys Estate & Finance Co.	150,000	$ 10	all	$8.75, sellers
West Point Building Co., Limited	12,500	$ 50	$ 50	$44, sellers
TRAMWAYS.				
The Peak Tramways Co., Ltd.	25,000 / 60,000	$ 10 / $ 10	all / $ 1	$14 / $2
MINING.				
Société Francaise des Charbonnages du Tonkin	18,000	Fcs. 250	all	600, buyers
Raub Aust. Gold Mining Co., Ld.	200,000	£ 1	18/1	$8, buyers
HOTELS, ETC.				
Hongkong Hotel Company, Ltd.	12,000	$ 50	all	$81, buyers
Astor House Hotel Co., Ltd. (S'hai)	90,000	$ 45	$ 25	$13½
DISPENSARIES.				
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited	90,000	$ 10	$ 10	$9, buyers
Watkins Limited	10,000	$ 10	$ 10	$3½, buyers
LIGHTING.				
H.K. and China Gas Co., Limited	7,000	£ 20	all	$210, buyers
Shanghai Gas Company, Ltd.	8,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 115
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	60,000	$ 10	$ 10	$19½, sales
MISCELLANEOUS.				
Green Island Cement Co., Ld.	400,000	$ 10	1	$8.90, [illegible]
H.K. Milling Co., Ld., in Liquidation	10,000	$ 100	$ 100	Nominal
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Limited	8,604	£ 12/	12/	$10, buyers
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited	[illegible]	$ 10 / $ 10	$ 4 / $ 10	$12 / $28
Union Waterboat Co., Limited	50,000	$ 10	$ 10	$10, buyers
Hongkong Dairy Farm Co.	95,000	$ 7½	$ 7½	$11¼, sales
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	5,000	$ 25	all	$176, sellers
Robinson Piano Co., Limited	4,000	$ 50	$ 50	$59, [illegible]
Shanghai Waterworks Co., Ltd.	16,380	£ 20	£ 20	Tls. 437½
H'kong Rope Manufactory Co., Ld.	60,000	$ 10	all	$24, sales
Hongkong Cotton Spinning Co., Ld.	75,000	$ 10	$ 10	$9, sellers
Ewo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Limited	20,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 119
International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Limited	10,000	Tls. 75	Tls. 75	Tls. 93½
Laou Kung-Mow Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ld.	8,000	Tls. 100	Tls.100	Tls. 110
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Co. Ld.	2,000	Tls. 500	Tls.500	Tls. 410
China Provident Loan Mortgage Co., Limited	200,000	$ 10	$ 10	$7½, sellers
China Borneo Company, Ltd.	60,000	$ 12	$ 12	$11.30, ex div. sales
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited	1,200	$ 10	all	$9, [illegible]
Wm. Powell, Limited	12,000 / 3,000	$ 7	$ 7	$2½, buyers
South China Morning Post	6,000	$ 25	$ 25	$24, sellers
China Light and Power Company	50,000 / 50,000	$ 10 / $ 10	$ 10 / $ 1	$15
Steam Laundry Company, Limited	20,000	$ 5	$ 5	$5½
Watsmann Limited	175	$ 100	$ 100	$140
CIGAR COMPANIES.				
Philippine Co., Limited	87,500	$ 10	$ 10	$8
Alhambra Limited	300	$ 500	$ 500	Nominal

LOANS.	Amount.	Value.	Interest.	Quotation.
Chinese Imperial 1886 a	Tls. 787,200	Tls. 250	7% p. annum	Par.

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